



GFAN Speakers Bureau - Nomination & Application Package

Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN) first launched its 'Ambassadors' program - composed of people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, TB and/or malaria - for its Here I Am Campaign in 2010, with a new group in 2012-2013; this evolved in 2015 into a 'Speakers Bureau'. The principle is that people who have personally experienced the impact of the Global Fund in their lives are the most impactful spokespeople for the Global Fund.

As GFAN members are constantly seeking opportunities to solidify and increase either donor or domestic funding for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria funding to Global Fund programmes, being able to call upon trained, impactful spokespeople is a key to the success of their advocacy.

During the past 7 years, we've brought our speakers to numerous events hosted in North America, Europe, Africa and Asia-Pacific, including high-level meetings, Global Fund replenishment announcements, parliamentary briefings and roundtable discussions. Our speakers were featured in dozens of news articles and several multimedia pieces. We created video and photo stories of our speakers, that have been shared and screened many times.

GFAN is seeking a new group of people for the GFAN Speakers Bureau. These individuals will, as much as possible, represent the diversity of people who are affected by the 3 diseases: men and women of all ages, people from countries around the world and people representing those key populations and communities that are most affected.

Apply now!

Included in this package you will find:

- List of Eligibility and Additional Criteria
- Nomination and Application Documents
- Sample Memorandum of Understanding & Code of Conduct that successful applicants will be required to sign

Deadline for applications is Friday 28 April at 5pm EST.

Nominators or interested speakers are requested to send their applications to: Amy Coulterman, Communications Officer (GFAN) at International Civil Society Support at ac@icssupport.org.

A selection committee with representatives from the Communities Delegation to the Board of the Global Fund, the Global Fund Advocates Network and its Steering Committee will be struck to review the applications.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - applicants must meet these to be eligible to apply:

Geographic Criteria:

- Speakers should live in a country currently eligible to receive a Global Fund grant.

Language Criteria:

- As English is the most common language of our work, speakers should be able to work in English (speak and read) without the help of translation.

** Speakers who speak other languages - including French in particular - are encouraged to note that prominently in their applications.

Personal Criteria:

- Speakers should be currently accessing, or have accessed in the past, Global Fund supported programs for themselves.
- Legally able to travel domestically and internationally

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA - these strongly support an application:

Primary issues that speakers should have some basic ability to speak to and an interest in being able to develop their skills:

- Community needs and results related to the Global Fund and HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- Types of activities the Global Fund funds
- Resource mobilization for the Global Fund
- Core Global Fund policy issues

The ideal candidates will also be able to speak, in addition to the above issues, from some kind of personal experience (as an individual or even due to the impact in their community or through their work) to one or more of the following, what we call “entry point issues for advocacy”:

- People living openly with HIV
- MDR-TB
- Overall health and community systems
- Key affected populations
- Women and girls
- Mothers/Maternal Health
- Youth

Nomination process and Application documents

We are asking ***GFAN partners to nominate candidates*** that match the profile and requirements listed above. GFAN partners may nominate more than one individual.

Each nominated individual should include in their application the following documents if they are interested in being a Speaker:

Required:

1. Letter of nomination from GFAN partner (1 page)
2. Short letter of motivation (1500 words or less) from applicant about why being a speaker to champion the work of the Global Fund is of interest and what makes them a speaker able to speak to the issues listed under the Additional Criteria
3. Recent copy of resumé/CV highlighting relevant experience (no more than 2 pages)

Either the nominator or interested speaker may submit the application, but only application packages with all 3 of the listed items above will be considered.

Requested from the nominator:

Short letter (1 page) of recommendation from the GFAN partner that nominates the individual.

Requested from the interested speaker:

Interested speakers are strongly encouraged to address as much of the following in their letter of motivation or resume/CV:

- Specific details of their experience with receiving support from a Global Fund-funded program
- Why they care about the Global Fund and the work it does
- Any public or community speaking experience generally and any speaking experience on Global Fund issues specifically
- Any past positions on a Global Fund funded project, a national CCM, GF Board or Delegation work, if applicable
- Language(s) they speak
- Any experience travelling internationally
- Technical ability to receive and send emails on a regular basis and be reachable by phone (mobile, SMS or other)
- The level of their ability to travel outside the country for several days at a time (taking into account employment, personal responsibilities, proximity to a major travel hub and any legal concerns)