



GFAN CALL NOTES – August 28th 2019

The agenda for this call on August 28th was to get updates from the Global Fund Secretariat and discuss Lyon, pledges to date and domestic resource mobilization efforts.

Key points

Lyon – the programme is still coming together and more details will be published as available on the Global Fund's [replenishment website](#).

A few highlights:

October 8th – GFAN and its Regional partners will be hosting an open Civil society and communities meeting in the am (9-12) Location TBC and RSVP coming over GFAN listserv (you will need to RSVP but will not need a badge to the formal programme to attend)

October 8th – side events at H7 in the afternoon (schedule still to be published)

October 9th – morning – side events at the Palais de Congrès (schedule still to be published)

October 9th afternoon and October 10th to early afternoon – formal Pledging conference programme

The GF Secretariat are expecting approximately 500 participants including government representatives. Invites are being staggered out to civil society and communities and programmes are still being developed. There will be booths in the Exhibition space, but applications have closed for those.

Pre-programme events will require RSVPs but are more “public” and “open” than the formal programme on the afternoon of the 9th and 10th.

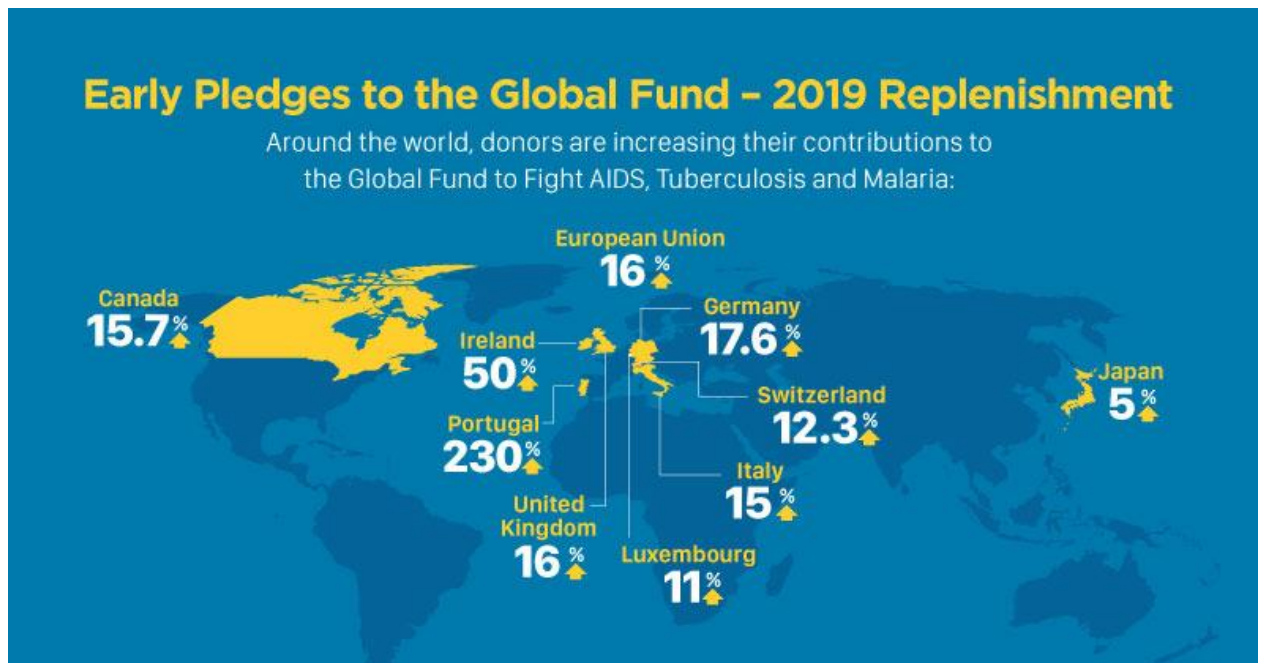
Pledges

With many pledges having come in in the last week, GF Secretariat feels confident that these early pledges are building momentum towards Lyon – with 5 of the G7 members already having pledged creates very strong momentum and encourages France to continue their very strong outreach. The objective now turns to key countries who have not yet pledged for Lyon.

The GF Secretariat is turning efforts to focus on the US, the Nordics, Europeans, Gulf states and emerging donors as well as a lot of Private Sector engagement and the French pledge itself.

US colleagues clarified some of the processes in the US in that next steps in securing the first year of the pledge from the US could be as early as mid-September and while all is positive still to secure an increased pledge, much work remains including to try and get an indication of a 3 year commitment.

Map of pledges to date (as of August 29th 2019) – Source: Friends of the Global Fight against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria



Domestic Financing for Health

We heard an update about efforts following up on the African Leadership for Health meeting as work has been underway with technical partners to define a workplan from that meeting and there is agreement overall to develop a scorecard tracking mechanism ahead of next year's AU Summit.

The Secretariat has been working with civil society to develop national level advocacy efforts in particular with health financing skills via workshops and are now turning to work with a broader group (parliamentarians, media etc) to develop different tools needed to increase domestic resources in a key sub-set of countries. In these target countries, they are working with countries to engage civil society and communities in national dialogues and developing strategies for increasing domestic resources over the next 5 years from 2020 onwards.

In terms of implementing country pledges at Lyon, the GF is still doing and supporting civil society advocacy around that in several key countries.

GFAN Updates

GFAN Asia-Pacific reported on their newly launched “[Heroes give more](#)” campaign which is targeted at a series of donor countries and private sector and foundations chosen in consultation with the GF Secretariat to augment efforts ahead of Lyon. GFAN AP has been collaborating with GFAN Africa for the campaign to have a presence at The World Economic Forum in Africa and are targeting some of the African countries who pledged at the 5th replenishment.

GFAN Global provided updates on the global Get Back on Track campaign tools and resources including the [call to action](#), tools such as templates to [reach out to your government](#), [Key Messages](#), [Thank you packages](#) and [Pledge Tracker](#).

Other Updates

Meaghan Derynck from the UNION reminded us of the opportunities at the [UNION conference](#) taking place in Hyderabad, India on the 30th-October – 2nd November with increase communication spaces, a packed agenda and a new feature “Survivors Summit”. If anyone wishes more information or to join the listserve, contact Meaghan meaghan.derynck@theunion.org.

Linda Mafu raised the next large opportunity post replenishment for African civil society partners is [ICASA in Rwanda](#) (2nd-7th of December) where they are currently discussing opportunities to thank donors and increase the mobilization of advocacy partners around domestic resource mobilization.

Next GFAN Calls

We will add other calls as needed, but ahead of Lyon the current schedule of calls is as follows (agenda’s to be circulated closer to the date of each call):

- **September 11th** – TBC but main focuses: Preview of key messages and communications plan around the Results Report (release date still TBC), UNGA as key moment on road to Replenishment (updates from partners) and looking at pledge advocacy in some key remaining countries and regions
- **September 16th** – TBC but main focus: Check-in with Peter Sands, ED of the Global Fund; last UNGA preparations check-in
- **September 25th** – TBC agenda but likely a run through on remaining pledges and collaborations for last push
- **October 4th** – TBC agenda but likely: last update on Lyon activities, messaging and remaining countries to pledge

These calls will all be at 9 am ET (New York)/3 pm CET (Geneva)/4 pm EAT (Nairobi)/8 pm ICT (Bangkok).