



TANZANIA AIDS FORUM (TAF)

CSO-TNCM representatives' deliberations during a meeting held at DICC April 16th Thursday 2009

Preamble:

As part of addressing the milestones of joint HIV/AIDS review held November 2008 and strengthening governance and representation of CSOs in TNCM, TAF assumed its role of ensuring coordination of CSO (caucus) and initiated efforts to bring together CSO representatives. The meeting aimed to reflect on performance of CSO-TNCM representatives in carrying out their functions and learn inter-regional experience from other countries.

To that end, TAF coordinated a meeting bringing together CSO representatives in TNCM in a one day meeting which brought together seven representatives shown on footnote below. Among other things, the meeting set-forth deliberations herewith forwarded to authority for action and information. These deliberations were endorsed by members attending the meeting, then circulated to those who did not attend for endorsement. The final copy of these deliberations has been endorsed by the following constituencies: NGO, PLHIV, ABCT, ACADEMIA, TUCTA, BAKWATA and CSSC.

Deliberations¹

1. CSO representatives have noted with concern that TNCM meetings are convened at a short notice and often documents are sent late and this limit effective representation and active participation. To this end, we set forth a resolution that: *CSO will not participate in TNCM meetings which are called on short notice and documents which have not been received by members at a minimum of seven days prior to the meeting, except for ad hoc meetings without minutes.* We therefore request TNCM secretariat to ensure that documents are sent on time so as to enhance pre-meeting preparations and effective participation in TNCM meetings.
2. CSO representatives have noted that in the course of conduct of their business in TNCM there may arise conflict of interest which may compromise decision making. *To this effect, we CSO representatives have agreed that with help from EANNASO, members will conflict of interest guidelines to promote and strengthen good governance and safeguard against conflict of interest within their constituency and participation in TNCM sessions.*
3. In the event that there is no other thematic forum to assume the function of caucus; *we CSO representatives have agreed that TAF will remain a forum to bring together*

¹ Deliberations agreed and endorsed by CSO TNCM representatives namely E. Kaaya (TUCTA), L. Lugenge (NACOPHA), P.Bujari (HDT), S. Mtullu (TAWG), V. Mwakasege (TYC), Suleiman Lolila (BAKWATA) and Richard Kasesera (ABCT), E.Lyamuya Academia

- CSOs to develop common response on different issues. In practice, TAF should seek more funds to coordinate TNCM representatives meeting prior to TNCM main meeting.*
4. We CSO representatives have noted with concern that the function of overseeing the implementation of GFATM is inadequately done. Overseeing is currently only done on reading dashboard without a physical verification. We have collectively noted that the current mechanism does not provide for effective oversight of the GFATM implementation. *To this end, we CSO representatives have proposed that; TNCM secretariat should avail funds for TNCM members to make site visit (validate actual field work and reality check) in fulfilling their oversight role as stipulated in TNCM guidelines and this should be scheduled annually.*
 5. CSO representatives in their reflection noted that there has been absenteeism of CSO- Representatives in TNCM meetings and alternates have often less to say. Not only has this led to lack of representation of a particular constituency, but jeopardise the whole sense of having strong voice in negotiation and stands for what our constituency sent us to do. *We CSO representatives therefore re-affirm that; we will participate fully in all TNCM meetings adhering to resolution 1 above.*
 6. CSO representatives have noted with concern that the meetings of TNCM are often called at short notice and some of the meetings overlap with other already scheduled business. To ensure that TNCM becomes effective, *we CSO representatives request TNCM secretariat to provide annual calendar for the meetings and absenteeism should be dealt with according to the existing guidelines of TNCM.* (This applies to all members).
 7. We CSO representatives have noted that there is low understanding of TNCM business and mandates and the website is neither being promoted nor updated. *We request TNCM to make a media engagement after each meeting when resolutions are passed; in addition TNCM needs to update the website (www.gf.or.tz) and promote it so that many people can know what has been done under global fund support.*
 8. During the reflection we have noted that one of our main challenges is consultation and feedback. The current methodology of using emails seems to be less effective. We CSO representatives to TNCM commit to consult and provide a feedback to our constituency. The budgeting process for GFATM proposals and TACAIDS needs to include a budgetary item for this function and allocate specific funds for this activity.

We submit these deliberations for information and action as necessary.

TO: Chair of TNCM
PM Office

CC:

1. Executive Chair- TACAIDS
2. TNCM Secretary
3. DPG-AIDS Chair