



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 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 constituency: NGO, PLHIV, ABCT, ACADEMIA, TUCTA, BAKWATA and CSSC.

Deliberations¹

1. CSO representatives have noted with concern that TNCM meetings are called on short notice and often documents sent late and this limit effective representation and active participation. To this end, we set forth resolution that: *CSO will not participate in TNCM meeting which are called on short notice and documents not being received by members at minimum of seven days prior to the meeting, unless its ad hock without minutes.* We therefore request TNCM secretariat to ensure that documents are sent on time so as to enhance Non state actors effective participation in TNCM
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 develop conflict of interest guidelines to strengthen the governance and conflict of interest within their participation in TNCM.*
3. In event 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 CSOs to*

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)

- 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 weakly done. In sense, overseeing currently only done on reading dashboard and no physical verification done. We have collectively agreed that the current mechanism don't allow effective overseeing the implementation of GFATM implementation. *To this end, we CSO representatives have agreed 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 we do commit 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 the meetings conflicts with other already scheduled business. To ensure that TNCM become 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 apply 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 the website is not being promoted nor updated. *We requests TNCM to make a media engagement after each meeting and when resolutions are passed; in addition TNCM must update the website (www.gf.or.tz) and promote the website so that many people can know what has been done under global fund.*
 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 less effective. We CSO representatives to TNCM commit to consult and feedback to our constituency; in practice the budgeting process for GFATM proposals and TACAIDS need to budget for this function and allocate specific funds for consultation purposes.

We submit these deliberations for information and action as necessary.

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CC:

1. Executive chair- TACAIDS
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