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## 2009 HIV/AIDS IMPLEMENTERS' MEETING ANNOUNCES CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Meeting Information and Abstract Submission Guidelines Available Online at:

[www.hivimplementers.com](http://www.hivimplementers.com)

Washington, DC – The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), along with the Government of Namibia; the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; UNAIDS; UNICEF; the World Bank; the World Health Organization; and the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, is pleased to announce a call for abstracts for the 2009 HIV/AIDS Implementers' Meeting.

The HIV/AIDS Implementers' Meeting will take place June 10-14, 2009 in Windhoek, Namibia. This year's theme is "Optimizing the Response: Partnerships for Sustainability." The meeting gathers together program implementers to share best practices and lessons learned in the fight against global HIV/AIDS. This year's meeting will focus on widely disseminating best practices and lessons learned during the implementation of multi-sectoral HIV/AIDS programs with a emphasis on optimizing the impact of prevention, care and treatment programs; enhancing program quality; promoting coordination among partners; and encouraging innovative responses. Through presentations, dialogue and networking, participants will share information that will directly impact the future of HIV/AIDS program implementation.

The Conference Steering Committee invites abstract submissions that will provide *information for action*—best practices and lessons learned that have been identified through real-world implementation and operational research as supporting the scale-up of HIV prevention, treatment, and care to reach unprecedented levels of scope, quality, and access.

**The final deadline for submissions is February 12, 2009.** The organizing committee will accept abstracts beginning in mid-December 2008. More information regarding required abstract format and guidelines for submission can be found online at: [www.hivimplementers.com](http://www.hivimplementers.com).

### ***What are the abstract tracks for this year's meeting?***

The 2009 program will focus on how implementers are meeting challenges that affect the scale-up of HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and care. Six tracks have been identified for the 2009 HIV/AIDS Implementers' Meeting that cut across all subject matter areas of HIV/AIDS programming:

- Responding to Challenges in HIV Prevention
- Women and Children
- Effective HIV Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support Programs for MSM, Drug-Users, People in Prisons, and People in Sex Work
- Evolving Challenges in Treatment, Laboratory, Care and Support Services
- Performance-Based Programming & Systems-Strengthening
- Cross-cutting

***Who is eligible to submit an abstract?***

Persons and organizations actively engaged as implementers in HIV/AIDS and related program implementation and evaluation are eligible to submit abstracts for consideration.

***Who reviews the submitted abstracts?***

Abstracts will be peer-reviewed by a panel of international experts. At least two reviewers will read and score each of the submitted abstracts. The set of scored abstracts will then be submitted for consideration by the program planning group to determine which of the abstracts are best suited for inclusion on the agenda for oral presentation or as a poster presentation display. After a thorough review process, abstracts that best inform on “how to” implement programs and respond to the session tracks will be selected.

***How can I register for the 2009 HIV/AIDS Implementers’ Meeting?***

Please visit the registration page of the meeting website at [www.hivimplementers.com/registration.asp](http://www.hivimplementers.com/registration.asp) for more details.

***When will notifications be made and what does it mean to be accepted?***

Notification of acceptance will be on or before March 7, 2009. Presenters of accepted abstracts will be able to register for the meeting during a defined registration period (one registration slot per accepted abstract is guaranteed). Unfortunately the Implementers’ Meeting is not able to cover travel costs and does not have a scholarship program. We encourage persons with an accepted abstract to contact their supporting agency if resources are needed.

If your abstract is not selected and you are still interested in attending the meeting, there are a limited number of ‘Open Enrollment’ delegate slots available for implementers. The application and selection process are described in more detail at [www.hivimplementers.org/registration.asp](http://www.hivimplementers.org/registration.asp).

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***Information about the sponsors of the meeting:***

**The U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)** was launched in 2003 by President George W. Bush to combat global HIV/AIDS, and is the largest commitment by any nation to combat a single disease in history. Through PEPFAR, the U.S. Government has already provided \$18.8 billion in HIV/AIDS funding, with a reauthorization of up to \$48 billion for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria over the next five years.

**The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria** is a unique global public/private partnership dedicated to attracting and disbursing additional resources to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. This partnership between governments, civil society, the private sector and affected communities represents a new approach to international health financing. The Global Fund works in close collaboration with other bilateral and multilateral organizations to supplement existing efforts dealing with the three diseases. For more information about the Global Fund, please visit [www.theglobalfund.org](http://www.theglobalfund.org).

**UNAIDS** is an innovative joint venture of the United Nations, bringing together the efforts and resources of the UNAIDS Secretariat and ten UN system organizations in the AIDS response. The Secretariat headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland—with staff on the ground in more than 80 countries. Coherent action on AIDS by the UN system is coordinated in countries through UN theme groups, and joint programmes on AIDS. UNAIDS' Cosponsors include UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, ILO, UNESCO, WHO and the World Bank. Visit the UNAIDS Web site at [www.unaids.org](http://www.unaids.org)

**UNICEF** is on the ground in over 150 countries and territories to help children survive and thrive, from early childhood through adolescence. The world's largest provider of vaccines for developing countries, UNICEF supports child health and nutrition, good water and sanitation, quality basic education for all boys and girls, and the protection of children from violence, exploitation, and AIDS. UNICEF is funded entirely by the voluntary contributions of individuals, businesses, foundations and governments. For more information, please visit [www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org).

**The World Bank** is committed to providing long-term, sustained support for comprehensive national responses to HIV and AIDS, including effective prevention of new infections, care and treatment for infected people, and mitigation of the devastating social and economic consequences for affected families and communities. The World Bank provides comprehensive and sustainable financing for AIDS programs worldwide and to date has committed more than US \$3.8 billion since 1988. For more information on the World Bank's response to HIV/AIDS, please visit [www.worldbank.org/aids](http://www.worldbank.org/aids).

**The World Health Organization (WHO)** is the directing and coordinating authority on international health work and takes the lead in the United Nations system in the global health sector response to the AIDS epidemic. For more information, please visit [www.who.int](http://www.who.int).

**The Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+)** is a global network for and by people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV). Its overall aim is to improve the quality of life of PLHIV. The work of GNP+ is guided by the Global Advocacy Agenda, which consists of three key areas: (i) Promoting universal access to HIV/AIDS care, treatment and prevention; (ii) Combating stigma and discrimination; and (iii) Promoting the greater and more meaningful involvement of PLHIV. GNP+ is the only international network representing the diverse voices of all PLHIV. As a network based on emancipation and self-determination, GNP+ nurtured the development of six fully independent regional networks of PLHIV covering Africa (NAP+), Asia (APN+), the Caribbean (CRN+), Europe (GNP+ Europe), Latin America (REDLa+) and North America (GNP+ NA). Elected representatives from these networks form the GNP+ Board. For more information, please visit [www.gnpplus.net](http://www.gnpplus.net).

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