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A Note from the Regional Platform Coordinator

This month, the Platforms have been focused on their bi-annual progress reporting. As a result, this Regional Platform update is an abbreviated one. The contents largely focus on strategic communication and information sharing. Given the shortened nature of this update, Issue 8 (slated for August 2018) will be an extended and in-depth issue, covering July and August activities. Issue 8 will highlight the results of the Platform progress reports as well as [AIDS 2018](#) activities, including the engagements in the [Global Fund Community Zone](#), jointly hosted by the six Regional Platforms.

~ Dr. Gemma M. Oberth
Regional Platform Coordinator



Updates on the Activities of the Six Regional Platforms

Regional Platform for Francophone Africa (hosted by RAME) ([website](#))

- ▶ The Platform created a [new graphic](#) to help better-communicate the role of the Platform and how communities can engage with information, communication and coordination opportunities.
- ▶ The Platform translated [the results](#) of the online survey of Civil Society Priority Concerns and Recommendations Regarding the Political Declaration and UN HLM on TB [into French](#), and disseminated the summary in [a newsletter](#).
- ▶ Responding to the results of the recently-published [assessment of the Global Fund's Human Rights Complaint Mechanism](#), the Platform published [a newsletter](#) sharing [the French brochure](#) for the mechanism. The assessment links limited uptake of this mechanism to a lack of information/awareness.
- ▶ The Platform translated [the main decision points](#) of the 39th Global Fund Board Meeting [into French](#), and disseminated them in [a newsletter](#).
- ▶ The Platform shared information in [a newsletter](#) about a BACKUP Health Webinar, held on 12 June 2018. The webinar was hosted by GIZ in order to share information about [its new application process](#) for accessing Global Fund-related technical assistance. The Platform shared [a follow-up newsletter](#), after the webinar, sharing the application instructions [published in French](#).
- ▶ The Platform alerted communities to [a Global Fund photo contest](#) in [a newsletter](#).
- ▶ The Platform shared information in [the call for proposals](#) from the Robert Carr Fund for civil society networks (RCNF) via [a newsletter](#). The Platform is also in discussion with colleagues at RCNF about hosting a webinar on the subject.



Regional Platform for Anglophone Africa (hosted by EANNASO) ([website](#))

- ▶ As a follow up to the [CCM Scorecard and Shadow Report Initiative](#), conducted under the first phase of the CRG SI, the Anglophone Africa Platform held [a Webinar](#) on 20 June 2018 as a forum to learn, discuss and input into the CCM Evolution. This webinar also provided information feedback on the main decisions at the 39th Global Fund Board meeting, as they relate to the CCM Evolution process.
- ▶ The Platform is documenting case studies on successful short-term technical assistance assignments in the region, focusing on examples from Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The TA success stories in the countries chosen have a strong focus on assignments related to strengthening programming for adolescent girls and young women (AGYW). Improving AGYW programming is core priority for the Anglophone Africa Platform. [A case study template](#) has been developed by the Platform and shared with country partners, ensuring that strategic information and lessons learned are effectively captured.



Regional Platform for LAC (hosted by Via Libre) ([website](#))

- ▶ From 13-15 June 2018, in Lima, Peru, the Platform hosted their third regional meeting of HIV, TB and malaria communities in the LAC region. The meeting covered a range of important topics and sessions, including:
 - ↳ Sustainability and transition processes in the region – including an analysis of transition work plans in eight countries, experience sharing on transition processes, and innovative finance mechanisms for civil society.
 - ↳ Access to Global Fund-related technical assistance and new tools.
 - ↳ Information on the multicountry grant process, with presentations from Malgorzata Matysek (Gosia) from the Access to Funding Department.
- ▶ The Platform published [a community guide](#) to the Regional Platform and its functions, so that communities can understand the role of the Platform and more easily access information and support.
- ▶ The Platform published [a newsletter](#) to disseminate [a survey](#) from Access to Funding, seeking feedback on the program continuation modality of the differentiated funding request process.
- ▶ The Platform published [a newsletter](#) sharing a [TB Action Alert](#), aiming to share concrete action points for community engagement, leading up to the TB HLM.
- ▶ The Platform hosted [a webinar](#) on 25 June 2018 to orient communities in the LAC region on a new [online networking tool](#) that the LAC Platform has created, to facilitate collaboration, cooperation and interactive participation of community responses to HIV, tuberculosis and malaria in Latin America and the Caribbean. The webinar has since been [uploaded on YouTube](#) and has been watched an average of once an hour since being posted.

Regional Platform for Asia Pacific (hosted by APCASO) ([website](#))

- ▶ The Platform published [a newsletter](#) with the recent call for proposals from the Robert Carr Fund for civil society networks.
- ▶ The Platform published [a newsletter](#) with important resources for the upcoming TB HLM.
- ▶ The Platform published [a newsletter](#) with news from the Interactive Civil Society Hearing on the HLM on TB as well as from the 39th Global Fund Board Meeting.
- ▶ The Platform is working on an info note on the Global Fund's Human Rights Complaint Mechanism. This info note is in response to the results of the recently published [assessment of the Global Fund's Human Rights Complaint Mechanism](#). The assessment was commissioned by the CRG department to understand why uptake of this complaint mechanism has been lower than anticipated. One of the findings is lack of information/awareness of the mechanism. All Platforms are now working to improve communication on this.

Regional Platform for MENA (hosted by ITPC-MENA) ([website](#))

- ▶ The Platform published their first [quarterly newsletter](#). Given that all information has to be made available in three languages – English, French and Arabic – the Platform has planned for its communications to be less frequent, but more in-depth. This newsletter covers a range of topics, from the differentiated application process, updates on eligibility and transition, the main decisions at the 39th Global Fund Board Meeting, updates on the CCM evolution process, news on the multicountry application process and general updates on the Platform's work.
- ▶ The Platform published [a briefing](#) on its website with details on the differentiated application process, including details on funding requests tailored to COEs and tailored to transition – two relevant modalities for the MENA region. The Briefing has a series of external links at the bottom (in different languages) so readers can access further information.

Regional Platform for EECA (hosted by EHRA) ([website](#))

- ▶ The Platform published [a summary](#) of its recent meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan, held from 7-8 June 2018. All meeting documents, including the final agenda, participants list and presentations are available [online here](#). Participants (including the FPM) agreed that the workshop was timely and relevant for the Global Fund program in the country. Sessions focused on preparing communities for the transition processes that are ongoing in the country. The Platform will be following up with communities in Azerbaijan to continue supporting the development of sustainability mechanisms, especially through access to short-term CRG TA. Recall from [Issue 5](#) of the Regional Platform update that the specific objectives of the meeting were to:
 - ↳ Improve the understanding of civil society and community representatives of transition-related processes in Azerbaijan, as well as the importance of and opportunities for meaningful engagement therein.
 - ↳ Support civil society and community representatives to develop content of requests for TA, available through the Global Fund's CRG TA program.
- ▶ The Platform is in the process of developing a brief info note for the civil society and community representatives in EECA on the four Delegations to the Global Fund Board. A [call for consultants](#) has been published on the Platform's website and some [terms of reference](#) have been released. Part of the Platform's work plan includes activities to facilitate improved information and communication flow between communities and the relevant delegations to the Global Fund Board.
- ▶ The Platform's efforts to generate demand for TA has yielded three eligible assignments so far: Armenia, Montenegro and Ukraine. For the request from Armenia, the Platform provided some recommendations for strong consultants with knowledge and experience related to the specific country context.
- ▶ The Platform is seeking ways to collaborate with [TB Europe Coalition \(TBEC\)](#) – a new partner under Component 2 of the CRG SI. As a CRG SI partner, TBEC is focusing on mobilization and capacity development of TB communities in the EECA region. The Platform will participate in an upcoming (October 2018) TBEC meeting, presenting on the CRG SI and on TA opportunities therein. The Platform will also support meaningful engagement of communities in that space.



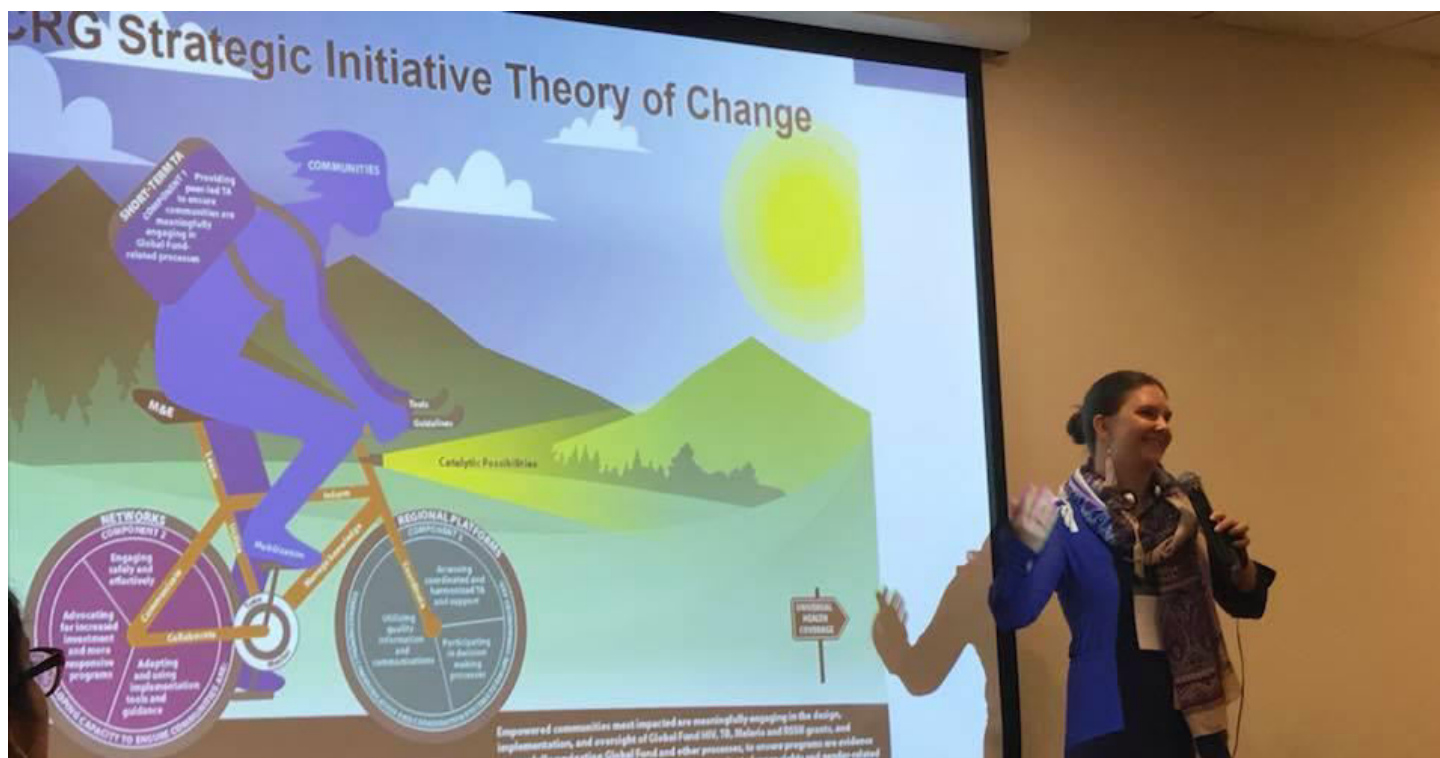
Tools, Publications and News from this Month

Tools, Publications and News from The Regional Platform Coordination

- ▶ The Regional Platform Coordinator developed [a briefer](#) for the CCM Hub, which pulls together the relevant work of the Regional Platforms related to CCMs. This briefer has a specific focus on priority countries for CCM work, as well as other priority countries, such as for COE and STC work (given these types of CCMs are going to be part of the Evolution process). The aim of the briefer is to help the CCM Hub with operationalizing the CCM Evolution, and help increase awareness at the CCM Hub on the communication and coordination support related to CCMs that is ongoing through the Platforms.

Tools, Publications and News from other Sources

- ▶ Two CRG-related articles by Kataisee Richardson (Technical Support consultant to the Anglophone Africa Regional Platform) were published in Issue 337 of the Global Fund Observer:
 - ↳ [Global Fund makes steady progress on Human Rights and Gender Equity, amid implementation challenges](#)
 - ↳ [Civil society organizations gather in Ghana to increase engagement in Global Fund programs](#)



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