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**REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
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**Sixtieth Session
Muscat, Oman, 27-30 October 2013**

TECHNICAL EVENT

GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS, TB, AND MALARIA

Objectives of the event

The objectives of the event are to:

- share information, policy updates and key decisions taken at the Global Fund Board meetings held in 2012-2013 and the implications for the Region;
- brief participants on the new funding model of the Global Fund and its implications for the Region;
- discuss key challenges in implementation of Global Fund grants from the perspective of both implementers (ministries of health) and the Global Fund secretariat.

15 countries are receiving financial support from the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria programmes and for health systems strengthening in the Region. More than US$ 1.2 billion of Global Fund investment plays a critical role in strengthening and scaling up HIV, TB and malaria prevention and control in these countries.

Benefiting from the presence of high-level delegates from Member States at the Regional Committee, an annual side meeting is organized to discuss matters related to the Global Fund. The meeting is attended by ministers of health, representatives of ministries of health, partners and the Global Fund. The side meeting will be chaired by His Excellency the Minister of Health of Sudan, the current representative of the Eastern Mediterranean Region constituency at the Global Fund Board.

Participants

- Ministers of health and representatives of 15 countries eligible for Global Fund financing including Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Pakistan, Palestine, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Yemen
- Global Fund secretariat team
- Partner organizations including UN agencies involved in Global Fund activities and civil society.