

U.S. Will Host Global Fund Replenishment

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NEW YORK, Sept. 25, 2013 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Global Fund's Fourth Replenishment Conference will be hosted by the United States in Washington D.C. in early December 2013, Secretary of State John F. Kerry announced today.

Convened once every three years, the conference will secure funding for 2014-2016, enabling the Global Fund to support programs in countries that fight AIDS, TB and malaria effectively, and to save the lives of millions of people.

Dr. Nafsiah Mboi, Chair of the Board of the Global Fund, said the decision by the U.S. demonstrates an exceedingly strong commitment to global health, willingness to invest and a determination to lead others toward the same goal.

"Investing in global health is our shared priority," said Dr. Nafsiah Mboi. "In hosting this 2013 replenishment conference the United States reaffirms its confidence in the Global Fund. This is a critical moment, when we must act decisively to defeat these diseases, and we are grateful for this act of leadership towards achievement of a shared goal."

In April, the U.S. announced a request for US\$1.65 billion for the Global Fund in the budget for 2014, by far the largest commitment made by any country.

The architecture of this year's Replenishment Conference signals a commitment to partnership in a 21st Century model, with leaders from implementing countries and leaders from the private sector and leaders from G8 countries, to co-host the event.

In addition, thirteen presidents of African countries are acting as champions of the Global Fund

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Replenishment this year.

The Global Fund is raising funding for the 2014-2016 period so that it can effectively support countries in fighting AIDS, TB and malaria. With strategic investment in programs that can save millions of lives and tens of billions of dollars in future costs, the Global Fund and its partners believe they offer remarkable value for money.

Following recent announcements of strong commitment to the Global Fund, by the United Kingdom, France, and Nordic countries, the U.S. decision to host the conference reflects strong donor confidence.

The Global Fund's latest results, announced last week, showed dramatic advances that have been made by partners toward the goal of defeating HIV, TB and malaria, and removing them as threats to public health.

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