

## **Terms of Reference**

### **GLOBAL IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT TEAM (GIST)**

**Goal:** Strengthen and support the implementation of sound national strategies towards Universal Access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.

**Purpose:** A highly cohesive and collaborative group of key agencies working together and holding each other mutually accountable to harmonise and coordinate technical support to address implementation bottlenecks, disseminate lessons learnt and identify good practices.

#### **Functions:**

1. Establish a forum for:
  - a. Sharing real time information on major providers of technical support
  - b. Identifying gaps in technical support
  - c. Responding collaboratively to technical support needs
  - d. Advocating for consistency on approaches and tools for the provision of technical support
2. Ensure the provision of periodic expert analyses in the provision and coordination of Technical Support
3. Serve as an interface to bring information on systemic country implementation bottlenecks and technical support issues to the attention of constituent members

## **Operational Procedures**

### *Modus Operandi*

The GIST will operate as a task-focussed group that has an important coordination rather than direct operational role. Its work is based on an annual workplan. The GIST will undertake a yearly assessment against indicators of success, based on the workplan and decide on its continuation, closure or readjustment.

The GIST's role is to strengthen coordination of, and timely information about, technical support at the global level. Regular face-to-face meetings will be held 3-4 times per year. Discussions on particular issues can be held among the whole group or among sub groups by video-conferencing on an "as needed" basis. GIST will work through its member organisations.

### ***GIST Structure***

#### *Composition*

*The GIST comprises: UN organizations, bi-laterals, civil society organisations, Global Fund and other key partners as necessary. UNAIDS provides the Secretariat.*

#### ***GIST Secretariat***

The GIST Secretariat comprises the Chair, the Vice-Chair and the UNAIDS Secretariat. The members of the GIST select the Chair and the Vice-Chair every two years.

The GIST will report regularly to the GTT Oversight Reference Group.

***GIST Chair (supported by a half-time adviser)***

***Role:***

1. Works in close association with the GIST Secretariat to convene and chair meetings of GIST.
2. Provides leadership and vision, including identifying key priorities for the GIST.
3. Facilitates key communication and information sharing among members and external partners.
4. Ensures progress on defined GIST functions.

***GIST Vice Chair***

***Role***

1. Works in close association with the Chair, to convene and chair meetings of GIST.
2. Is a member of the GIST Secretariat and contributes to setting the agenda for meetings.
3. Ensures progress on defined GIST functions.

***The GIST Secretariat (supported by a coordinator in the UNAIDS Secretariat)***

***Role:***

1. Facilitates information sharing in advance of and between GIST meetings
2. Supports the GIST and follows up on any decisions made, including leading the management of any analysis required.
3. Provides support to the Chair and Vice-Chair.
4. Manages all budget activities through the UNAIDS Secretariat.