



Call for applications for scholarships for two to three candidates from the MENA region to participate in the AFRAMED 2023 Conference (Beirut – Lebanon from 24 to 27 October)

The MENA regional platform wishes to promote networking between actors in the fight against AIDS (and related pathologies) as part of a space entirely dedicated to the MENA region

September 2023

I. Context

1. Presentation of the MENA Regional Platform

The MENA Regional Platform is one of the 6 regional communication and coordination platforms led by civil society. It has been hosted by ITPC-MENA since 2015 and supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

The Global Fund MENA platform, as a space for dialogue and collective consultation for communities on human rights and gender, promotes the effective participation of civil society and communities in the development, implementation and monitoring of Global Fund programs at the country and regional levels.

Our objectives:

- Improve the knowledge and participation of civil society actors and community groups in Global Fund grant processes.
- Improve the impact of the Global Fund and responses to the three pandemics through enhanced engagement with civil society and communities affected by HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.
- Support strategic capacity building initiatives for the benefit of civil society and communities by fostering spaces for collective engagement and participation in key decision-making processes, particularly with regard to community, rights and gender.

2. Presentation of AFRAVIH

The AFRAMED, part of the AFRAVIH alliance, aims to strengthen the mobilization of actors in the MENA region in the fight against HIV, hepatitis and chronic and emerging viral infections.

The priority activities are:

- The development of training actions;
- Strengthening good care practices;
- Sharing scientific expertise;
- Publication of scientific works;
- Promotion of clinical research;
- The development of a network of actors involved in the fight against HIV and hepatitis.

The AFRAMED Conference is today a place of exchange and gathering that is committed to bringing together and informing all those who are determined to fight against HIV, hepatitis, in favor of sexual health, and against all forms of societal, political, cultural and religious discrimination in French-speaking countries.

AFRAMED is committed to ensuring regional and international support for the recognition of these rights, and for the fight against all forms of stigmatization and exclusion of patients.

II. Objectives

The 5th AFRAMED conference will take place in Beirut from 24 to 27 October 2023. It will bring together associations, civil society, researchers, clinicians and all stakeholders from MENA countries around a shared cause. The programme includes oral communication sessions, plenary lectures, symposia and discussions on the following themes: current medical

evidence on HIV infection, access to treatment and prevention, viral hepatitis, tuberculosis, sexual health, emerging infections, community actions and human rights.

With this in mind, the MENA Regional Platform will take part in this major event and plans to support two to three participants from the MENA region. This support will cover registration fees, transport and accommodation, per diem daily and visa and insurance fees.

A MENA Networking Zone will be dedicated to CSOs and communities in the region where oral sessions will be organized. The selected candidate undertakes to ensure permanence if necessary; and possibly present a session.

III. Requirements

- Experience in the field of the fight against HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis (civil society, community, activists...)
- Have a global vision of the HIV and Hepatitis situation in the MENA region.
- Have a good knowledge of key and vulnerable populations and PHAs
- Be based in one of the countries of the MENA region and have the possibility to travel to Beirut. (Possibility to obtain the visa and have a valid passport by the date of the conference)
- Working in the HIV response in the MENA region at the time of the AFRAMED conference.
- Commit to reporting on sessions and writing a 2-page report following participation in the conference.
- Have a good command of Arabic, French or English.

IV. How to apply

- Detailed CV
- A cover letter

V. Selection method

Candidates are invited to submit their application no later than **15 September 2023 at midnight (GMT+1)** by email exclusively to:

- Alia.amimi@itpcmena.org

Subject of the email: " **TDR ITPC-MENA AFRAMED 2023_ Application NAME First Name**"

Groups from key populations and people living with HIV are strongly encouraged to apply!