



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

SMART4TB CAB MEMBERSHIP 2023-2027

1. Introduction

SMART4TB is a US\$200 million investment from USAID to tackle tuberculosis (TB) through research and its translation to policy and practice. The SMART4TB project is led by Johns Hopkins University and an international consortium of research partners and civil society organizations. SMART4TB will run through 2027 and will support research across five technical areas: diagnostics, treatment, operational research, prevention of transmission, and vaccines. Community engagement is central to the SMART4TB project across the research process and technical areas and will occur through multiple forums that leverage input from local, national, regional, and global community members. CABs, supported directly by SMART4TB consortium member Treatment Action Group (TAG), will be an important mechanism of community engagement for SMART4TB.

The regional CABs will be coordinated by regional networks in Africa, Asia and Latin America supported by the Treatment Action Group (TAG)

Through a competitive open process, Afrocab Treatment Access Partnership (“Afrocab”) was awarded the coordinating role for the African region.

Afrocab now invites applicants (16 in total/ two per country), from the following countries to apply for membership to join the **SMART4TB COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD** from the SMART4TB participating countries of *Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.*

Applicants from Global Fund Technical Assistance countries of *Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d’Ivoire, Eswatini, Ghana, Guinea, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia and South Sudan* may also be considered depending on skills and experience in TB research and advocacy.

The following are the Terms of Reference outlining the requirements, expectations, and responsibilities for individuals interested in becoming members of the SMART4TB CAB between 2023 and 2027.

These terms ensure a clear understanding of the membership criteria, commitment, and obligation

2. Membership Requirements

To be considered for SMART4TB CAB membership, individuals must meet the following requirements:

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- Interest in effective methods and tools for finding, treating, and preventing tuberculosis (TB) and a desire to gain TB research literacy.
- Possess basic knowledge of TB.
- Treatment activist, advocacy experience, or connection to community and/or civil society networks.
- Ability to disseminate information, follow through on tasks, and provide local, national, regional, and/or global perspectives on issues.
- Confidence in communicating effectively in English (SMART4TB CAB working language).
- Capacity to actively participate in bi-/monthly teleconferences and regular communications via email, amounting to approximately 4 hours per month.
- Availability to participate in in-person meetings when it is safe to do so, with the associated costs covered by SMART4TB CAB, when needed.
- Access to fast and reliable internet.

3. Expectations

SMART4TB CAB members are expected to adhere to the following commitments and responsibilities:

- Commitment to serving a tenure from 2023-2027.
- Attendance at monthly meetings, unless otherwise communicated. Meetings may become more frequent during the development of clinical trial protocols. Smaller task-based working groups may also convene as needed.
- Dedicate an average of 4 hours per month, including meeting attendance, preparation, and review of materials.
- If in-person meetings are feasible, members may be required to travel and allocate time accordingly.
- Attendance policy: Missing more than two (2) meetings in a calendar year, or more than one (1) meeting in six months, without advance notice or substantiated explanations may result in a reassessment of commitment and participation and future communications support may be withheld or under review.
- Membership decisions, including potential communication support withholding or termination, will be made by SMART4TB CAB Coordinators and shared with the rest of the SMART4TB CAB members.
- Grievances can be brought to the SMART4TB CAB for discussion. Decisions on addressing grievances will be made by majority rule among the SMART4TB CAB members.
- Applicants are requested to *urgently* send a short motivation indicating their affiliation and any experience/expertise in TB, their organization (if applicable) and indicate agreement or consent from the organization to allow them to participate fully in the SMART4TB activities. willingness and readiness to participate fully in the CAB activities and commit to completing the 9 weeks of on-boarding CAB training. A key activity of the SMART4TB CAB will be

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documented. Applicants are therefore requested to commit to reviewing ALL protocols and other documents as requested from time to time in a timely manner.

4. Diversity and Inclusion

The SMART4TB CAB strives to achieve diversity in geographic region, gender, experience, and disease expertise.

Active participation and perspectives from individuals representing the global South, TB high-burden countries, and all communities affected by TB, are highly encouraged. The SMART4TB CAB welcomes individuals regardless of health status, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or lifestyle.

Recruitment of new members or expansion of the CAB to ensure diverse representation will be at the discretion of the SMART4TB CAB Coordinator, with decisions shared with the rest of the SMART4TB CAB members.

5. Remuneration

Membership in the SMART4TB CAB members will receive financial compensation. Efforts will be made to ensure participation is cost-neutral, and SMART4TB CAB will cover communications and related costs for participation. Members serve as individuals, not as representatives of any organization or affiliation.

6. Membership Termination

Membership termination may occur under the following circumstances:

- Discovery of false information submitted during the application process regarding past or present work, leading to unilateral termination by SMART4TB CAB Coordinators.
- Questions arising regarding the reputation of a SMART4TB CAB member that could potentially bring disrepute to the SMART4TB CAB or its coordinators with other partners will result in unilateral termination by SMART4TB CAB coordinators.

Send applications to:

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**“APPLICATION FOR THE SMART4TB CAB MEMBERSHIP 2023-2027” by COB:
Thursday 20th July**

The logo for AFRO CAB features the word "AFRO" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by "CAB" in a bold, red, sans-serif font.



About Afrocab:

Afrocab Treatment Access Partnership (Afrocab) is an African network of HIV community leaders and advocates working to accelerate access to optimal HIV and co-morbidity treatments and diagnostics. Afrocab primarily operates in sub-Saharan Africa, with headquarters in Zambia and a network of people in 19 countries. Afrocab was formed in 2011 to facilitate community treatment access dialogue with multinational and generic drug manufacturing companies, policymakers, UN agencies, civil society organizations, and others working on anti-HIV and co-morbidity drugs and clinical research of new molecules and diagnostics.

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