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UNAIDS - Republic of Korea Fellowship Programme - Seoul National University

General Information	
Title/Description	**Fellow – Economist**
Assignment Dates	6 months – March 2027
Duty Station	Nairobi, Kenya, (hybrid/remote possible)
Department /Unit	Sustainability (SUS)
Name of Supervisor	**Charles BIRUNGI**, Advisor (Macroeconomic and Fiscal Policy) • **Collaborating with**: Sustainability Focal Points, UNAIDS Teams

1. Background

The Sustainability (SUST) Team delivers on the UNAIDS Secretariat's goals to identify and promote strategies to expand the future financing options of the HIV response, with a clear preparedness and inequalities lens. It does that by systematizing knowledge and building capacities on equitable resource allocation and implementation of efficiency, equity (including in access to health technologies), transition planning, community response. It also explores and expands outcomes for countries, regions and globally on upstream financing instruments, including tax and domestic revenues, debt and innovative sources of international, domestic and private finance. Finally, the team also tracks HIV financing resources and provides a range of analytical products that help understand - and inform actions to reduce - inequalities, including wealth and poverty inequalities, and integrate HIV financing within the wider international financing system.

2. Key Responsibilities

The incumbent will work with the SUST team on the following key deliverables:

1) **Sustainable HIV domestic resource mobilisation strategy**

Contribute to the design of a sustainable, diversified HIV domestic resource mobilisation strategy that mitigates short-term balance of payments pressures from declining ODA, ensures continuity of the HIV response, and establishes a pathway to long term national financial autonomy without compromising macroeconomic stability or program outcomes.

2) **Global advocacy**

Develop a set of high impact global advocacy pieces to broaden the HIV financing ecosystem, engage new, emerging, and non-traditional donors, and support resource mobilization across bilateral, multilateral, private, and philanthropic partners.

3) **Debt swap mechanisms**

Develop feasible debt swap mechanisms for HIV financing, including identifying and evaluating opportunities with bilateral and multilateral creditors, with a spotlight on creditors in Asia.

4) **Asia Focused Resource Mobilization**

Design and advance targeted resource mobilization strategies to expand HIV financing from Asia by identifying high potential regional funding partners, and strengthening engagement across Asian bilateral, multilateral, private, and philanthropic actors.

5) Any other task assigned.

3. Qualifications and competencies

- Currently enrolled in or recently graduated from a program in Economics, other Social Sciences, Public Health, International Development, or related field.
- Good writing, research, and organizational skills.
- Familiarity with Microsoft 365 tools (SharePoint, Teams).
- Interest in global health, HIV/AIDS, and organizational learning.

4. Learning opportunities

- Exposure to SUST strategy implementation in a global health organization.
- Hands-on experience with SUST tools, platforms, and practices.
- Mentorship from experienced SUST professionals.
- Participation in cross-functional and multicultural teams.