

## **Process for Civil Society Engagement with High Level Task Force on Innovative International Financing for Health Systems**

Civil society, having extensive experience of engaging with a range of innovative financing mechanisms including, UNITAID, GAVI Alliance, Advanced Medicines Facility for Malaria, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, is keen to be able to share experiences and lessons learned with the members of the two working groups developing recommendations for innovative financing as part of this the High Level Task Force on Innovative International Financing for Health Systems.

To enable civil society to share these experiences and lessons learned and therefore contribute to the shaping of the final recommendations of the High Level Task Force, we would like to propose the following process:

- Civil society to submit coordinated written comments on innovative financing mechanisms and expectations for the outcomes of the High Level Task Force by the end of February 2009.
- Arrange conference calls with Taskforce secretariat and representatives of the two Working Groups and a broad representation of civil society constituencies to further discuss and elaborate the comments submitted by civil society as part of the preparations for the March civil society consultation and the subsequent meeting of the High Level Task Force in London.
- The first civil society consultation on innovative financing for health, to be held in early March, will provide a major opportunity for civil society to share experience, lessons and recommendations on innovative financing. The Taskforce secretariat has requested that a small group of civil society representatives from different constituencies be asked to advise on format and participation.
- Preliminary reports from both Working Groups will be released in mid-March. Civil society will have an opportunity to comment on the reports, which will be finalised in May.
- A further civil society consultation may be held in May, depending on the success of the March consultation, to allow civil society a further opportunity to contribute to the finalisation and agreement of recommendations to be submitted to the G8.

This process for civil society engagement will be coordinated by the IHP+ Inter-Agency Core Team, with support from the IHP+ civil society representatives and other relevant civil society delegations.