

Civil Society Partner



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Erika is a transgender HIV-positive woman from Belize who lives in the Netherlands. A social worker by profession, Erika joined Global Action for Trans Equality (GATE) as Director of Programs in April 2017. Erika plays an important role in the participation of trans people in global key decision-making platforms. This includes being part of the Communities Delegation on the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; indeed, from 1 June 2018, Erika is the first openly transgender advocate to be appointed to the Board of the Global Fund. She also represents GATE on the Communities, Rights and Gender Advisory Group. In addition, Erika is the Vice-Chair of the Global Network of People Living with HIV.