

Policy plan

Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network

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1. Introduction

This is the policy plan of the Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network.

The Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network was established on 21 March 2025 in Amsterdam (registered office).

Mission

Our mission is to unite diabetes advocates and policymakers around the world to share information and push for policy change that matters to people affected by diabetes.

GDAN aims to empower all diabetes advocates to have a loud voice in global policy conversations.

Our sights are set squarely on policy, with the goal of empowering meaningful change that improves the lives of people affected by diabetes, as well as those at risk in the future.

We want to move the parameters, rather than finding ways to operate within them. There are many common challenges for people with diabetes around the world, but there are also best practice solutions already happening. We know that through coordinated international action, we can make a difference.

Motivation

- Global diabetes cases are set to rise from 529 million to 1.3 billion by 2050
- In 2019, diabetes and kidney disease due to diabetes caused an estimated 2 million deaths
- As cases rise, so too will the economic burden – the global cost of diabetes is set to almost double from 2015 levels to \$2.5 trillion by 2030
- Obesity is an epidemic contributing to the burden (Cardiometabolic Syndrome)

Policy plan

This policy plan intends to provide insight into:

- the mission, objectives and activities of the Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network
- how the Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network raises funds
- how the funds are managed and used
- the [●] financial forecast of the Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network
- and the ANBI application of the Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network

When drawing up this policy plan, the requirements for ANBI's (*Algemeen Nut Beogende Instellingen*) have been taken in to account. The ANBI status has the advantage that donations by organisations and individuals are tax-deductible and that the foundation is exempt from tax on gifts and donations. [●The Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network has been granted ANBI status as of [●]].

2. General information and management

General information

Statutory name	Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network
Organisation type	Foundation (<i>stichting</i>)
Established	21 March 2025
Chamber of Commerce number	96769270
Bank number (IBAN)	[●]
Tax number (RSIN)	867756640
Visiting address	Strawinskylaan 1647, Tower Seven, 16 th Floor, 1077XX Amsterdam
Telephone number	+1 317-565-3274
Website	GDAN.ORG
Email	Brucettaylor1@gmail.com
Target group(s)	Diabetes stakeholders based on a specific geography,Parliamentarians,physicians, medical societies, Advocacy groups and most importantly patients

Board

Name	Richard Stewart Pery
Birth date, birth place	May 19, 1957, Kentucky, USA
Title	Board member Chair
Authority	Jointly authorized
Name	Lawrence Thomas Smith
Birth date, birth place	September 17, 1946, Kentucky, USA
Title	Board member- Treasurer
Authority	Jointly authorized
Name	Lester Hunter Limbaugh
Birth date, birth place	August 18, 1957, Florida, USA
Title	Board member- Secretary
Authority	Jointly authorized

3. Mission, objectives and activities

Our mission

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Our objectives

- Create a network that unites people with diabetes, caregivers, advocates, and policymakers around the world to share information and facilitate policy change that matters to people affected by diabetes Motivation
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How do we achieve our goals (activities)

We will leverage our existing knowledge and global network of key stakeholders, Parliamentarians, Patient Advocacy Groups such as DeDoc, Breakthrough T1D, formerly JDRF, Physician societies, patient advocacy groups at the grassroots of the area targeted, hospital groups, dWe effectively build coalitions and drive change through collaborations. The GDAN team has over 150 years of experience advocating positive change. We are all affected by diabetes either personally or by a loved one in our families.

4. How the foundation raises funds

The foundation intends to obtain funding by way of:

- Donorship
- Grants
- Gifts
- Sponsorships
- Project support

The foundation is not for profit and relies on contributions from others. The GDAN Board is voluntary.

5. The foundation's management

The management of the Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network

Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network has a board that is responsible for managing the assets. Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network has three executive board members who are jointly authorized. We refer to section 2 of this policy plan for an overview of the board members and their formal roles within Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network.

Board meetings

The board shall meet at least twice per calendar year.. Meeting minutes will be drawn up.

Activities

The setting up and the supervising of projects is carried out under the responsibility of the board.

Finance

The board is responsible for a sound financial policy. The tasks involved are, amongst other things:

1. Prepare an annual budget
2. Adopt and approve annual accounts
3. Managing the funds
4. Spending the funds

Remuneration board members

The board members do not receive any compensation for their board activities.

6. Use of funds

The funds raised are spent in accordance with the objective of the Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network.

1. The income of the foundation is primarily used to pay the expenses incurred in connection with the projects that are set up and/or supervised by the foundation.
2. The income of the foundation can be used for other support foundations or initiatives that have a similar objective to the Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network.
3. The foundation does not aim to make a profit.

The foundation primarily allocates its funds to projects and activities directly contributing to its mission, including organizing (online) meetings, public affairs initiatives, international collaboration projects, and awareness campaigns related to diabetes. Any surplus income is allocated toward building a modest continuity reserve, ensuring the foundation's financial stability and its ability to fund future projects. Currently, the foundation does not hold assets in the form of investments; reserves are maintained in a savings account, allowing rapid and transparent deployment to activities that promote better care, prevention, and policy development for people affected by diabetes.

7. Financial forecast 2025

Preliminary 2025 financial forecast

Funding is required to realize the goals of Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network. The below overview of income and expenses is meant to provide insight into the expected flows of funds coming into and going out of the foundation. We note that this overview is subject to changes.

Prognosis over 2025	2025
<i>Expected income</i>	
Donations, grants, funds and sponsors	470,000
Results	470,000
<i>Expected expenses on main activities (use of funds)</i>	
Aid provided	237,000]
<i>Expected back office expenses</i>	
Housing costs	10,000
Overheads	5,000
Office expense	0
Management costs	0
Recruitment costs	0
Contingency fund / misc	30,000
Total charges	45,000
<i>Result from ordinary operations</i>	
Financial income and expenses	50,000
Operating result	138,000

The foundation is not for profit.

Annual accounts, balance sheet and annual report

The annual account, balance sheet and annual report of 2025 are not available yet, since the foundation started generating income in 2025.

8. Application for ANBI status Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network

Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network has been granted the ANBI status as of its date of incorporation (21 March 2025) by the Dutch tax authority. Organisations with the ANBI status are registered with the tax authorities as a Public Benefit Organisation (*Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling*). You can read more about this at https://www.belastingdienst.nl/wps/wcm/connect/bldcontentnl/belastingdienst/zakelijk/bijzondere_regelingen/goede_doelen/algemeen_nut_beogende_instellingen/ (in Dutch).

Due to this status, the tax rules for ANBIs in the field of donation, inheritance and the deduction of gifts (income tax and corporate income tax) apply. Only the institutions that the tax authorities have designated as an ANBI can make use of the tax benefits. An overview of institutions that are recognized as ANBI can be found on the website of the Tax Authorities.

If Stichting Global Diabetes Advocacy Network obtains the ANBI status, you can make use of the tax benefits, such as:

- An ANBI does not pay any inheritance tax or gift tax on inheritances and gifts that the institution uses for the public interest.
- If an ANBI makes donations in the public interest, the recipient does not have to pay gift tax.
- An ANBI is eligible for a refund of energy tax.
- Volunteers who work for an ANBI, are, under certain conditions, making a donation to an ANBI.
- Donors of an ANBI may deduct their donations from income tax or corporate income tax.
- To be eligible for the deduction of periodic gifts, the donor and the ANBI must record the gift in an agreement.
- An extra donation deduction applies to donors of cultural ANBIs.