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Nigeria 29th member of EDCTP

Nigeria became the [29th member of the EDCTP Association](#). It will be represented in the EDCTP General Assembly by Dr Akin Oyemakinde (Department of Health Planning, Research and Statistics, Federal Ministry of Health) and Prof. S. L. Salako (deputy representative; Nigerian Institute of Medical Research).



Prof. [Moses Bockarie](#), EDCTP Director for South-South Cooperation and Head of Africa Office commented that "EDCTP will benefit enormously from Nigeria's long history in medical research and related high-impact outputs. We look forward to working with the federal government in driving the agenda for prosperity in health in sub-Saharan Africa."

TRUST: Engagement with funders



Funder Platform



Citing suggestion: Michelle Singh and Michael Makanga (2017), Funder Platform, a report for TRUST, available: <http://trust-project.eu/deliverables/deliverables-and-tools/>



The three year EU-funded TRUST project aims to develop a set of tools to improve adherence to high ethical standards in research in low-and-middle-income countries. On 12-14 June 2017, TRUST held a two-day research funders workshop in London.

Representatives from five different funding bodies were invited to outline their primary concerns for north-south collaborative partnerships and to be updated on TRUST activities. Their feedback is important for the main deliverables of this EU-funded global ethics project:

- a global code of conduct;
- a fair research contracting web tool, and
- a Compliance and ethics follow-up tool.

These tools will be for both powerful organisations and vulnerable stakeholders. The TRUST consortium's approach based on the concept of 'co-creation', requires considerable engagement activities. Drawing on its experience from the first EDCTP programme of

supporting north-south collaborative research partnerships, EDCTP is involved in TRUST (with Dr [Michelle Singh](#) as Project Officer) also for the aspect of research funding. The deliverable for the Funder platform was [published on the TRUST website on 21 September](#): Michelle Singh and Michael Makanga (2017), *Funder Platform, a report for TRUST*.

Recent events

- **WHO Africa Region | Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 28 August to 01 September 2017**
Dr Michael Makanga, Executive Director, represented EDCTP at the 67th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa. The Regional Committee, comprising health ministers from the 47 countries in the Region, is the governing body of WHO in the African Region.
- **KNCV | The Hague, The Netherlands, 12 September 2017** | The Dutch [KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation](#) organised a meeting with stakeholders in The



Ms Edith Schippers, Min of Health.

Netherlands to launch the preparations for the 49th Union World Conference on lung health. The Union conference will take place at the World Forum in The Hague, The Netherlands, on 24-27 October 2018. The theme of the conference will be "Declaring our rights: social and political solutions". The meeting was attended by the Dutch Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport Ms. Edith Schippers. EDCTP was represented by Dr [Monique Surette](#), Senior Project Officer and the North-North Networking Officers, [Lara Pandya](#) and [Ana Lucia Weinberg](#).

- **EDCTP Stakeholder meeting & SAC meeting | 13-15**

September 2017 | EDCTP held a stakeholder meeting on 'Co-infections and co-morbidities' (invitation only) the results of which will inform the discussions on the EDCTP research funding agenda. A report of the results of the meeting will be published at the end of October. The meeting was organised by Dr [Christy Comeaux](#), EDCTP Project Officer. Following the stakeholder meeting, the EDCTP Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) convened for its regular biannual meeting, on 14 and 15 September 2017.



EDCTP Scientific Advisory Committee, 15 September 2017

- **GES 2017 | Cape Town, SA, 13-16 September 2017** | EDCTP was represented at the Global Evidence Summit by several EDCTP staff members including [Shingai Madchingaidze](#) (Project Officer), Dr [Claire Whitaker](#) (Communications Officer), and Dr [Anne-Laure Knellwolf](#), EDCTP Programme Portfolio Manager, who also represented EDCTP at the satellite meeting of [ESSENCE on Health Research](#), an initiative of donors/funders to discuss harmonisation and alignment of health research funding. EDCTP also contributed an information booth to the exhibition of the conference.
- **WHO | Geneva, Switzerland, 21 September 2017** | 8th Meeting of the WHO Task Force on the Development of Policies for Introduction of New TB Drugs and Treatment regimens. The workshop examined recent developments in new clinical trial designs for TB treatment, among other agenda items. Dr [Monique Surette](#), EDCTP Senior Project Officer, participated as an observer.

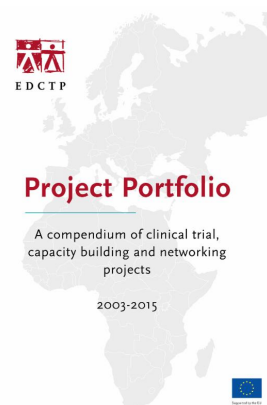
Recent publications



Annual Report 2016



9th EDCTP Forum
Lisbon, Portugal
17-21 September 2018
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Overview of EDCTP1 projects

EDCTP alumni network launch on 3-4 October

On 3 and 4 October EDCTP will launch its research leadership network for its current and former fellows. EDCTP has established a comprehensive programme of fellowships, ranging from preparatory fellowships to senior fellowships. Already 47 African researchers including 7 Clinical Research and Development Fellows, 29 Career Development Fellows and 11 Senior Fellows, have successfully applied for funding from EDCTP. Moreover, the EDCTP-supported regional networks will again contribute to research capacity development, with an extended disease scope, a North-South collaboration component and a longer-term strategy.

From 2017, EDCTP will incorporate in this initiative the EDCTP Research Leaders Network (EDCTP RELEARN) - promoting research leadership in sub-Saharan Africa. The Johannesburg workshop



Shingai Machingaidze

launches this network and its supporting online platform and will explore potential benefits of increased interaction of the current EDCTP alumni with the EDCTP-supported regional networks and disease specific consortia, as well as with various regional and global partners.

The workshop is attended by several EDCTP representatives: Dr [Michael Makanga](#), Executive Director, Dr [Leonardo Simao](#), High Representative for the South, Prof. [Moses Bockarie](#), Director of South-South Cooperation and Head of Africa Office, Dr [Thomas Nyirenda](#) (South-South Networking and Capacity Development Manager), Project Officers [Nuraan Fakier](#), [Michelle Nderu](#), Dr

[Michelle Singh](#) and [Shingai Machingaidze](#) who organised the workshop and coordinates the development of the online platform. The meeting is also supported by Ms [Mariska Louw](#) (Senior Administrative Officer) and Dr [Claire Whitaker](#) (Communications Officer), as well as Ms. [Chris Bruinings](#) (Finance Officer) and Mr [Lucien de Corte](#) (IT Officer).

EDCTP at ECTMIH 2017, 16-20 October 2017

EDCTP will be represented at the 10th European Congress of Tropical Medicine and International Health 2017 in Antwerp, Belgium, from 16 to 20 October 2017 ([ECTMIH 2017](#)).

EDCTP will contribute an organised session on diagnostics to the programme under the title: 'Development, validation and implementation of diagnostic tools in resource-limited settings'. Speakers will be:

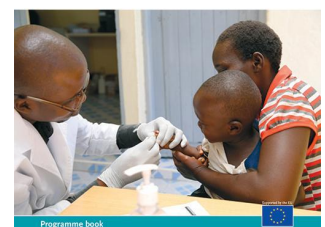
- Dr Sarah Gabriël (University of Ghent, Belgium)
- Dr Marleen Boelaert (Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium)
- Dr Novel Chegou (Stellenbosch University, South Africa)
- Dr Malik Coulibaly (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH / West African Health Organisation, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso)



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EDCTP session on
Development, validation and implementation of diagnostic tools in resource-limited settings
19 October 2017 | 15:30-17:00 | Corolla 5



Programme book

The session will take place on Thursday, 19 October from 15:30-17:00. The chairs of the session will be Dr Marleen Boelaert and Dr [Ole Olesen](#), EDCTP Director of North-North Cooperation. The session was organised by Dr [Michelle Helinski](#), EDCTP Project Officer. In addition, EDCTP is a Gold sponsor of the conference and will have an information booth in the exhibition area.

Upcoming events

- **UNION | Guadalajara, Mexico, 11-14 October 2017** | On behalf of EDCTP Dr [Monique Surette](#) will attend the [48th Union World Conference on Lung Health](#) and represent EDCTP at the [TB Alliance Stakeholder Meeting](#) on 10 October 2017.
- **World Health Summit | Berlin, Germany, 15-17 October 2017** | In collaboration [WHO-TDR the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases](#), the [German Society for International Cooperation](#) and EDCTP will host a workshop on 'Promoting R&D capacity and manufacturing' at the [World Health Summit](#) which will be held on 16 October 2017 from 16:30-18:00.
Panellists will explore several themes, including (1) various capacity support mechanisms; (2) SDGs 7, 9 and 17, (3) new public-private partnership models, (4) the need to assess and demonstrate impact of the efforts, and (5) co-funding and joint priority setting with low- and middle-income countries. The session will be chaired by Dr Garry Aslanyan (TDR) and Dr [Ole Olesen](#), Director of North-North Cooperation (EDCTP).
- **ASTMH 2017 | Baltimore MD, USA, 5-9 November 2017** | EDCTP in partnership with Wellcome Trust will contribute a sponsored symposium to the American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene's annual conference ([ASTMH 2017](#)).
The symposium title is: 'Challenges and opportunities of conducting clinical trials in pregnant women and future infants in resource-limited settings'.
- **MIM2018 | Dakar, Senegal, 15-20 April 2018** After 20 years, the Multilateral Initiative on Malaria will return to Dakar after 20 years for its [7th Pan African Conference on Malaria](#). EDCTP will be represented at the conference with a supported symposium and a booth.
Please note: MIM2018 organisers extended the deadline for the submission of abstracts, symposia, workshops, pre-conferences and exhibitions till the 31st of October 2017.



Calls for Proposals

Currently, EDCTP has 6 calls for proposal that are open to applications.

- [Clinical trials to reduce health inequities in pregnant women, newborns and children](#) - closes 13 October
- [EDCTP-AREF Preparatory Fellowships](#) - closes on 13 October
- [Targeting control and elimination of NIDs through clinical trials](#) - closes on 31 October
- [Targeting control and elimination of NIDs through product-focused implementation research](#) - closes on 2 November
- [Ethics and regulatory capacities](#) - closes on 21 November
- [Career Development Fellowships](#) - closes on 21 November

- **Call for applications: Joint WHO-AFRO/TDR/EDCTP Small Grants Scheme for implementation research on infectious diseases of poverty.** This is a joint initiative between TDR, the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, the European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) and the World Health Organization's (WHO) Regional Office for Africa, who have a mutual interest in strengthening the capacity for health research in developing countries. The call reflects a commitment to increasing the level of implementation research in order to deliver high quality and cost-efficient health care solutions to people in resource poor settings. It closes on 30 November 2017.

More funding opportunities:

- **HIV Research Trust scholarships for physicians, nurses, scientists and other health care professionals** from low-income and lower-middle-income countries undertaking research in resource-limited settings working in the field of HIV infection. All aspects of research related to HIV infection and its consequences are eligible for support. Closes 20 October 2017.

Workshop in Portuguese on grant proposal writing

EDCTP is **calling for applications** from researchers interested in a workshop on EDCTP Calls for Proposals and grant proposal writing. The workshop will be conducted in Portuguese and aims at Portuguese-speaking scientists from sub-Saharan Africa in early stages of their career. It will be hosted by the Manhica Health Research Centre (CISM) in Maputo, Mozambique in the second week of December 2017.

Deadline for submission: 22 October 2017
[Chamada de participantes / Call for participants](#)

EDCTP invites more expert reviewers

EDCTP is looking for new experts to join its pool of reviewers.

Independent experts play an important role in the evaluation of proposals and assist with the evaluation of proposals and monitoring of ongoing EDCTP projects. We welcome applications from experts from across the EDCTP scope and currently we are seeking experts from the following disciplines:

- Pharmaceutical product development
- Neglected infectious diseases
- Clinical trial and implementation research methodology (including biostatistics).

Interested? Experts can apply individually or organisations may recommend experts. More [information on application](#) and see the list of experts who assisted EDCTP in [2015](#) and [2016](#).

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