Summary of decisions and actions from the EDCTP Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting of 18 & 19 September 2019

Date and time: Wednesday, 18 September 2019, 08:30-18:00 hours
Thursday, 19 September 2019, 09:00-17:00 hours

Venue: Marriott Hotel, Liverpool, United Kingdom

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members present:
- Richard Adegbola (SAC-RA)
- Christine Stabell Benn (SAC-CSB)
- Christian Burri (SAC-CB)
- Paulo Ferrinho (SAC-PF)
- Harleen Grewal (SAC-HG)
- John Gyapong (SAC Vice-Chair) (SAC-JG)
- Catherine Hankins (SAC Chair) (SAC-CH), Chairperson
- Collen Masimirembwa (SAC-CM)
- Martin Meremikwu (SAC-MM)
- Keymanthri Moodley (SAC-KM)
- Juliet Nabyonga-Orem (SAC-JN)
- Michael Ramharter (SAC-MR)
- Jutta Reinhard-Rupp (SAC-JR)
- Peter Smith (SAC Vice-Chair) (SAC-PS)

Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members apologies:
- Eric Delaporte (SAC-ED)
- Marleen Temmerman (SAC-MT)
- Halidou Tinto (SAC-HT)

Scientific Advisory Committee Observers present:
- Joseph Okeibunor, WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO-JO)
- John Reeder, WHO HQ (WHO-JR)
- Morven Roberts, EDCTP Board Member/GA Representative (GA-MR)
**EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:**
Pauline Beattie, Operations Manager (SEC-PB)
Moses Bockarie, Director of International Cooperation Africa (SEC-MBo)
Hannah Hoffenkamp, Executive Governance Officer (SEC HH)
Michael Makanga, Executive Director (SEC-MM)
Thomas Nyirenda, Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Development Manager (SEC-TN)
Ole Olesen, Director of International Cooperation Europe (SEC OO)
Lara Pandya, Strategic Partnerships Officer (SEC-LP)

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**SUMMARY OF DECISIONS AND ACTION POINTS**

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<td>1.4</td>
<td>Approval of the agenda</td>
<td><strong>DECISION:</strong> The agenda of the SAC meeting of 18-19 September 2019 was approved.</td>
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<td>1.6</td>
<td>Approval of the minutes of the SAC meeting of 21 May 2019</td>
<td><strong>DECISION:</strong> The minutes of the SAC meeting of 21 May 2019 were approved.</td>
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<td>3.2</td>
<td>Update from WHO Global Health</td>
<td><strong>ACTION:</strong> WHO-JR to assist in access to WHO priority lists (including the NTD roadmap 2020-2030), to help in prioritizing the research and development of interventions.</td>
<td>WHO-JR and SEC</td>
<td>SAC meeting April 2020</td>
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<td>7.1</td>
<td>Update to the Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) 2020</td>
<td><strong>ACTION:</strong> SAC subgroups and SEC to review and finalise the draft SRA 2020.</td>
<td>SAC subgroups and SEC</td>
<td>30 September 2019</td>
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<td><strong>ACTION:</strong> SAC, SEC, WHO to discuss international standards in research ethics review.</td>
<td>SAC, SEC and WHO-JR</td>
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<td>Adaptive trials and portfolio funding</td>
<td><strong>ACTION:</strong> SEC to explore the option of setting up an oversight committee for adaptive trials with multiple arms and for portfolio funding grants.</td>
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| 10.1 | Addressing gender issues in EDCTP research funding | **DECISION**: SAC WG on Gender was established (with SAC-CH, SAC-KM and SAC-CSB). |  |
| 14.1 | Preparations for the EDCTP Forum 2020 | **ACTION**: SAC WG on Gender to evaluate how EDCTP could better address sex and gender in EDCTP research and capacity development. | SAC WG on Gender | SAC meeting April 2020 |
| 16.1 | SAC Annual Report 2019 | **ACTION**: SAC to review the SAC Annual Report 2019 and add relevant items. | SAC | 30 September 2019 |
| 16.2 | SAC Work Plan 2020 | **ACTION**: SAC to review the SAC Work Plan 2020 and add relevant items. | SAC | 30 September 2019 |
| 17.1 | Dates for 2020 SAC meetings | **DECISION**: The SAC meetings for 2020 are scheduled to be held on: |
- 16 October 2020 in Maputo, Mozambique (before the start of the EDCTP Forum which will be held from 18-21 October 2020 in Maputo, Mozambique). |  |
| 18.1 | Any other business (AOB) | **ACTION**: To seek information from WHO about the GAS vaccine strategy. | SAC, SEC and WHO-JR/WHO-JO | SAC meeting April 2020 |
|  |  | **ACTION**: To develop a tool that could be used to objectively evaluate proposals from lobby groups to expand EDCTP’s disease remit. | SEC | 2020 |
|  |  | **DECISION**: SAC WG on Industry and Preparatory Fellowships was established (with SAC-JR, SAC-CB and SAC-JG). |  |
|  |  | **ACTION**: SAC WG on Industry and Preparatory Fellowships to evaluate whether the schemes can be re-formulated, simplified, and made more effective. | SAC WG Industry and Preparatory Fellowships | SAC meeting April 2020 |