

Minutes of the EDCTP Association Board meeting by teleconference on 3 September 2020, 14:00-15:30 CET

Participants

EDCTP Association Board Members present:

Yazdan Yazdanpanah (YY) – Board Chair - Chairperson Christiane Druml (CD) – Board Vice-Chair Jeffrey Mphahlele (JM) – Board Vice-Chair Andrea Spelberg (AS) – Board Member Godfrey Biemba (GB) – Board Member – present for agenda item 4-6

Observers present:

Inmaculada Peñas-Jiménez (IPJ) – European Commission (EC) Mar Martinez – European Commission (EC) Catherine Hankins (CH) – Chair Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

EDCTP Secretariat present:

Michael Makanga (MM) – Executive Director Hannah Hoffenkamp (HH) – Executive Governance Officer





SUMMARY OF DECISIONS AND ACTION POINTS		
#	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS AND ACTIONS
1.1	Minutes of the Board teleconference held on 15 May 2020	DECISION: The Board approved the minutes of the Board teleconference held on 15 May 2020.
2.1	General updates from the Secretariat.	ACTION : SEC to share the draft publications (on EDCTP's response to COVID-19 and on EDCTP's capacity development activities) with the Board for their information and input.
2.2	Proposal for new EDCTP office lease (the Hague)	DECISION : The Board accepted the proposal to extend the lease for the EDCTP SEC office in the Hague for a term of 12 years and 2 months – with a break option after 6 years and 2 months, to terminate the lease on 31 December 2026 (the end date of the EDCTP 2 programme). (Note: EDCTP would have to exercise this break-option to terminate the lease before 31 October 2021).
2.3	Collaboration Agreement (MoU) between EDCTP and Africa CDC	DECISION : The Board was positive about the draft MoU between EDCTP and Africa CDC and would like to have the draft agreement taken forward by the Legal Officers of EDCTP and the Africa CDC (following some amendments on sections on areas of cooperation and modalities of cooperation).
3.1	Issue of forecasted costed extensions of EDCTP2 grants caused by the COVID-19 crisis	ACTION : Follow up on the issue of forecasted costed extensions of EDCTP2 grants caused by the COVID-19 crisis. To be addressed also at the GA meeting of 19 October 2020.
4.1	Follow up from the EU-Africa Global Health Partnership (EDCTP3) proposal meeting of 26 August 2020 – Meeting outcomes and next steps	ACTION : Set up an EDCTP Association Working Group (including all Board Members) to focus on the practical next steps to operationalise EDCTP3. SEC to assist with the coordination of the Working Group's meetings.
5.1	Preparation for the upcoming virtual meeting of the GA on Monday, 19 October 2020	DECISION : The Board approved the draft agenda for the virtual GA meeting on 16 October 2020 and made suggestions for amendments.
7.1	Expert panel funding recommendations for the Senior Fellowships Plus 2019 Call for Proposals (TMA2019SFP)	DECISION : The Board approved the expert panel funding recommendations for the TMA2019SFP Call for Proposals.



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