

# Minutes from the virtual meeting of the EDCTP Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of 16 October 2020, 12:30-17:30 hours CEST

## **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

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)

Marleen Temmerman (SAC-MT)

Halidou Tinto (SAC-HT)

#### Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members absent:

Eric Delaporte (SAC-ED)

Collen Masimirembwa (SAC-CM)

#### Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Observers present:

Frank Cobelens, AIGHD (FC-AIGHD), present for agenda item 6

Inmaculada Peñas-Jiménez, European Commission (EC-IPJ)

Hannu Laang, European Commission (EC-HL)

Stefanie Sowinski, European Commission (EC-SS)

Katarzyna Stryjniak, European Commission (EC-KS)

Julia Molto, European Commission (EC-JM)

Joseph Okeibunor, WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO-JO)

John Reeder, World Health Organization HQ (WHO-JR)

#### Abbreviations:

AACHRD - African Advisory Committee for Research and Development

ACT - Access to COVID-19 Tools

Africa CDC - Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

AIGHD - Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development

ALERRT - African coalition for Epidemic Research, Response and Training

AVAREF - African Vaccine Regulatory Forum

BRCCH - Botnar Research Centre for Child Health

CONCVACT - Consortium for COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Trials

COVAX - the vaccines pillar of the ACT Accelerator

COVID-19 - Corona Virus Disease 2019

DG RTD - Directorate-General for Research and Innovation

EC – European Commission

EU – European Union

FIND - Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics

GA – General Assembly

GloPID-R - Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease

**Preparedness** 

GPH - EU-Africa Global Health Partnership (EDCTP3)

HR - High Representative

HSS - Health System Strengthening

IHI - Innovative Health Initiative

IMI - Innovative Medicines Initiative

IR – Implementation Reseach

JU - Joint Undertaking

M - Million

MEURI - Monitored emergency use of unregistered and investigational

interventions

NHRS - National Health Research Systems

NID - Neglected infectious diseases

PanACEA - Pan-African Consortium for the Evaluation of Antituberculosis

Antibiotics

## **EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:**

Debora Bade, Project Officer (SEC-DB)

Pauline Beattie, Operations Manager (SEC-PB)

Montserrat Blázquez-Domingo, Senior Project Officer (SEC-MB)

Moses Bockarie, Director of International Cooperation Africa (SEC-MBo)

Evangelia Boufardea, Grants System Officer (SEC-EB)

Nuraan Fakier, Project Officer (SEC-NF)

Jean Marie Vianney Habarugira, Project Officer (SEC-JMH)

Michelle Helinski, Project Officer (SEC-MH)

Hannah Hoffenkamp, Executive Governance Officer (SEC-HH)

Dominika Jajkowicz, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer (SEC-DJ)

Shingai Machingaidze, Project Officer (SEC-SM)

Michael Makanga, Executive Director (SEC-MM)

Anthony Man, Technical Advisor R&D (secondment) (SEC-AM)

Michelle Nderu, Project Officer (SEC-MN)

Thomas Nyirenda, Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Development Manager (SEC-TN)

Lara Pandya, Strategic Partnerships Officer (SEC-LP)

Daniela Pereira, Communications Officer (SEC-DP)

Johanna Roth, Project Officer (SEC-JR)

Johanna Schaefer, Project Officer (SEC-JS)

Leonardo Simão, High Representative Africa (SEC-LS)

Marcel Tanner, High Representative Europe (SEC-MT)

Ana Lúcia Weinberg, Strategic Partnerships Officer (SEC-ALW)

PANDORA-ID-NET - Pan-African Network for Rapid Research, Response,

Relief and Preparedness for Infectious Diseases Epidemics

PRD - Poverty-related diseases

R&D - Research and development

**REC - Regional Ethics Committee** 

RIA – Research & Innovation Action

R&I – Research and innovation

SAC - Scientific Advisory Committee

SARS-CoV-2 - Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2

SBA - Single Basic Act

SEC - EDCTP Secretariat

SRIA - Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

SSA - Sub-Saharan Africa

TDR - Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases

WG – Working group

WHO – World Health Organization

WHO-AFRO - World Health Organization - Regional Office for Africa

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS AND ACTION POINTS				
#	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS AND ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1.3	Approval of the agenda	<b>DECISION</b> : The agenda of the SAC meeting of 16 October 2020 was approved.		
1.4	Approval of the minutes of the SAC meeting of 23-24 April 2020	<b>DECISION</b> : The minutes of the SAC meeting of 23-24 April 2020 were approved.		
8.2	Request for volunteers Working Group on Community Engagement	ACTION: Request to join the WG on Community Engagement.	SAC	January 2021
10.1	SAC Annual Report 2020	<b>ACTION</b> : SAC to review the SAC Annual Report 2020 and add relevant items.	SAC	By 19 October 2020 (before the GA)
10.2	SAC Work Plan 2021	<b>ACTION</b> : SAC to review the SAC Work Plan 2021 and add relevant items.	SAC	By 19 October 2020 (before the GA)
11.1	Items for the next SAC meeting	<b>ACTION</b> : Add 'EDCTP's strategy for Implementation Research' (IR) to the agenda of the next SAC meeting (and address 'vaccination coverage' and 'building vaccine confidence' with IR).	SAC and SEC (WHO-JR, SEC- MT, SAC-RA)	SAC meeting 11-12 May 2021