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 Stryniak, 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
BRCC - 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 Research
JU – Joint Undertaking
M - Million
MEURI - Monitored emergency use of unregistered and investigational interventions
NHRS – National Health Research Systems
NID - Neglected infectious diseases
PanAACEA - 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-MBo)  
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

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<td>Approval of the agenda</td>
<td><strong>DECISION:</strong> The agenda of the SAC meeting of 16 October 2020 was approved.</td>
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<td>1.4</td>
<td>Approval of the minutes of the SAC meeting of 23-24 April 2020</td>
<td><strong>DECISION:</strong> The minutes of the SAC meeting of 23-24 April 2020 were approved.</td>
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<td>8.2</td>
<td>Request for volunteers Working Group on Community Engagement</td>
<td><strong>ACTION:</strong> Request to join the WG on Community Engagement.</td>
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<td>SAC Annual Report 2020</td>
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<td>10.2</td>
<td>SAC Work Plan 2021</td>
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<td>11.1</td>
<td>Items for the next SAC meeting</td>
<td><strong>ACTION:</strong> 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).</td>
<td>SAC and SEC (WHO-JR, SEC-MT, SAC-RA)</td>
<td>SAC meeting 11-12 May 2021</td>
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