



EDCTP

The power of sharing science

DMS# 123145

Minutes of the EDCTP SAC meeting of 23-24 April 2020
Virtual meeting through Zoom

Minutes from the virtual meeting of the EDCTP Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of 23 & 24 April 2020

Date and time: Thursday, 23 April, 13:00-17:00 hours CEST

Friday, 24 April, 13:00-17:00 hours CEST

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members present:

Richard Adegbola (SAC-RA)
Christine Stabell Benn (SAC-CSB)
Christian Burri (SAC-CB)
Eric Delaporte (SAC-ED)
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)
Marleen Temmerman (SAC-MT)
Halidou Tinto (SAC-HT)

Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Observers present:

Inmaculada Peñas-Jiménez, European Commission (EC-IPJ)
Hannu Laang, European Commission (EC-HL)
Stefanie Sowinski, European Commission (EC-SS)
Julia Molto, European Commission (EC-JM)
Ana Maria Henao Restrepo, World Health Organization HQ (WHO-AHR) **present for agenda item 4*
Vaseeharan Sathiyamoorthy, World Health Organization HQ (WHO-VS) **present for agenda item 4*
Joseph Okeibunor, WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO-JO)

Abbreviations:

Africa CDC - Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
AIGHD - Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development
AREF - Africa Research Excellence Fund
CEPI - Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations
CIHR - Canadian Institutes of Health Research
COVID-19 – Corona Virus Disease 2019
CSA - Coordination & Support Action
DNDi - Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative
EC – European Commission
EU – European Union
GA – General Assembly
GAS - Group A Streptococcus
GCLP - Good Clinical Laboratory Practice
GCP - Good Clinical Practice
GPH - EU-Africa Global Health Partnership (EDCTP3)
HR – High Representative
IDRC - International Development Research Centre
IMI - Innovative Medicines Initiative
IPU - Inter-Parliamentary Union
LMIC - Low- and Middle-Income Countries
NHRS – National Health Research Systems
NoE – Network of Excellence
R&D - Research and development
RIA – Research & Innovation Action
RSA - Republic of South Africa
SAC – Scientific Advisory Committee
SARS-CoV-2 - Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2

Trudie Lang, University of Oxford (UO-TL) **present for agenda item 10*

EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:

Debora Bade, Project Officer (SEC-DB)
 Fabienne Benoist, Ethics and regulatory affairs technical adviser (secondment) (SEC-FB)
 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)
 Jean Marie Vianney Habarugira, Project Officer (SEC-JMH)
 Michelle Helinski, Project Officer (SEC-MH)
 Hannah Hoffenkamp, Executive Governance Officer (SEC-HH)
 Dominika Jajkovicz, 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)
 Leonardo Simão, High Representative Africa (SEC-LS)
 Michelle Singh, Project Officer (SEC-MS)
 Marcel Tanner, High Representative Europe (SEC-MT)
 Ana Lúcia Weinberg, Strategic Partnerships Officer (SEC-ALW)

SEC – EDCTP Secretariat
 SMEs - Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
 SRA – Strategic Research Agenda
 SRIA – Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda
 SSA - Sub-Saharan Africa
 TDR - Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases
 TGHN – The Global Health Network
 TMA – Training & Mobility Action
 WG – Working group
 WHO – World Health Organization

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS AND ACTION POINTS				
#	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS AND ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1.3	Approval of the agenda	DECISION: The agenda of the SAC meeting of 23-24 April 2020 was approved.		
1.4	Approval of the minutes of the SAC meeting of 21 May 2019	DECISION: The minutes of the SAC meeting of 18-19 September 2019 were approved.		
1.5		ACTION: SAC, SEC, WHO to discuss international standards in research ethics review.	SAC, SEC, and WHO-JR/WHO-JO	2020

	Status of actions arising from the SAC meeting of 18-19 September 2019	<p>ACTION: To seek information from WHO about the GAS vaccine strategy.</p> <p>ACTION: To develop a tool that could be used to objectively evaluate proposals from lobby groups to expand EDCTP's disease remit.</p>	SAC, SEC, and WHO-JR/WHO-JO	2020
2.2	Influence of COVID-19 on the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRA/SRIA) for 2020 and beyond	ACTION → SAC to articulate the key scientific and strategic points for formulation in the emerging and re-emerging diseases section of the GHP-EDCTP3 SRIA, based on lessons learned from the COVID-19 crisis (and earlier epidemics).	SAC	15 May 2020
8.1 & 8.2	Closing regional and gender imbalances in EDCTP research funding	<p>ACTION: Formation of a SAC Working Group on Gender and Diversity. Expansion of the current Working Group on Gender, to focus both on gender and diversity issues in EDCTP research and capacity development.</p> <p>ACTION: HRs to promote addressing gender issues (in addition to attracting new African members to join EDCTP).</p>	SEC and SAC	SAC meeting October 2020
			HRs	2020
8.3	Update from the SAC WG on Industry and Preparatory Fellowships	<p>ACTION: SEC to conduct a systemic annual update on career progress of alumni.</p> <p>ACTION: SEC to follow up on the recommendations from the SAC WG on Industry and Preparatory Fellowships.</p>	SEC	SAC meeting May/June 2021
			SEC (SAC WG)	SAC meeting October 2020
9.1 & 9.2	Strengthening tools for monitoring and oversight of complex grants – review of measures of success	ACTION: SAC to comment on the draft success criteria for the EDCTP Regional Networks and EDCTP-funded Consortia for Epidemic Preparedness.	SAC	1 June 2020