

Minutes from the virtual meeting of the EDCTP Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)
Monday, 25 April 2022, 13:00-18:15 CEST
Tuesday, 26 April 2022, 14:00-18:15 CEST

MEETING PARTICIPANTS	
<p>Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members present:</p> <p>Richard Adegbola (SAC-RA) Christine Stabell Benn (SAC-CSB) Christian Burri (SAC-CB) Paulo Ferrinho (SAC-PF) John Gyapong (SAC Vice-Chair) (SAC-JG) Catherine Hankins (SAC Chair) (SAC-CH), <i>Chairperson</i> 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) Eric Delaporte (SAC-ED) Collen Masimirembwa (SAC-CM)</p> <p>Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members absent:</p> <p>Harleen Grewal (SAC-HG)</p> <p>Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Observers present:</p> <p>Inmaculada Peñas-Jiménez, European Commission (EC-IPJ) Stefanie Sowinski, European Commission (EC-SS) Joseph Okeibunor, WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO-JO) Martin Howell Friede, World Health Organization HQ (WHO-MF)</p> <p>EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:</p>	<p>Abbreviations:</p> <p>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</p>

Michael Makanga, Executive Director (SEC-MM)
Abdoulie Barry, Director of Finance & Administration (SEC-AB)
Pauline Beattie, Operations Manager (SEC-PB)
Montserrat Blázquez-Domingo, Senior Project Officer (SEC-MB)
Moses Bockarie, Director of International Cooperation Africa (SEC-MBO)
Nuraan Fakier, Project Officer (SEC-NF)
Erika Gaspari, Project Officer (SEC-EG)
Jean Marie Vianney Habarugira, Senior Project Officer (SEC-JMH)
Michelle Helinski, Senior Project Officer (SEC-MH)
Dominika Jajkovicz, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer (SEC-DJ)
Thomas Nyirenda, Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Development Manager (SEC-TN)
Michelle Nderu, Project Officer (SEC-MN)
Lara Pandya, Senior Strategic Partnerships Officer (SEC-LP)
Johanna Schaefer, Project Officer (SEC-JS)
Leonardo Simão, High Representative Africa (SEC-LS)
Michelle Singh, Project Officer (SEC-MS)
Marcel Tanner, High Representative Europe (SEC-MT)
Isabel Reis, Executive Governance Officer (SEC-IR)

Guests invited as External Reviewers on Days 1 & 2:

Andrew Kitua (EXTREV-AK)
Annalene Nel (EXTREV-AN)
Hassen Ghannem (EXTREV-HG)

Guests invited for agenda item 4.0 EACCR on Day 1:

Pontiano Kaleebu (EACCR-PK)
Bernard Kikaire (EACCR-BK)
Blandina Mmbaga (EACCR-BM)

Guests invited for agenda item 5.0 TESA on Day 1:

Rodrigues Matcheve (TESA-RM)
Rosemary Musonda (TESA-RoM)
Andre Loxton (TESA-AL)
Junior Mutsvangwa (TESA-JM)

Guests invited for agenda item 8.0 CANTAM on Day 2:

Francine Ntoumi (CANTAM-FN)
Ayola Akim Adegniko (CANTAM-AA)
Leonard Numfor (CANTAM-LN)
Jolivet Mayela (CANTAM-JM)

PanACEA - Pan-African Consortium for the Evaluation of Antituberculosis Antibiotics
PANDORA-ID-NET - Pan-African Network for Rapid Research, Response, Relief and Preparedness for Infectious Diseases Epidemics
PRD - Poverty-related diseases
PS – Participating State
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

Guests invited for agenda item 9.0 WANETAM on Day 2:

Souleymane Mboup (WANETAM-SM)
Jean Pierre N'Guessan (WANETAM-JG)
Dembo Kanteh (WANETAM-DK)

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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 25-26 April 2022 was approved.		
1.4	Approval of the minutes of the SAC meeting of 11-12 May 2021	DECISION: The minutes of the SAC meeting of 13-14 October 2021 were approved.		
2.1	Overview from the Director	ACTION: SEC to share more details in relation to EDCTP fellows and their career paths and grants obtained.	SEC	
6.1 10.1	Recap of day 1 and closing remarks Items for the next SAC meeting	ACTION: Additional questions for the Regional Networks of Excellence to be sent to the SEC-IR.	SEC	