# 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**

**Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members present:**
- 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), 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)  
- Eric Delaporte (SAC-ED)  
- Collen Masimirembwa (SAC-CM)

**Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members absent:**
- Harleen Grewal (SAC-HG)

**Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Observers present:**
- 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)

**EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:**

**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  
- IHII - 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
Michael Makanga, Executive Director (SEC-MM)
Abdouliie 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 Helsinki, Senior Project Officer (SEC-MH)
Dominika Jajkowicz, 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)
Ludmila 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 Adegnika (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&I – Research and development
REC - Regional Ethics Committee
R&I – Research & Innovation Action
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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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<td>DECISION: The agenda of the SAC meeting of 25-26 April 2022 was approved.</td>
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<td>1.4</td>
<td>Approval of the minutes of the SAC meeting of 11-12 May 2021</td>
<td>DECISION: The minutes of the SAC meeting of 13-14 October 2021 were approved.</td>
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<td>Overview from the Director</td>
<td>ACTION: SEC to share more details in relation to EDCTP fellows and their career paths and grants obtained.</td>
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<td>Recap of day 1 and closing remarks</td>
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<td>Items for the next SAC meeting</td>
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