

Minutes from the hybrid meeting of the EDCTP General Assembly (GA) of 25 May 2023

Date and time: Thursday, 25 May 2023, 10:00-16:00 hours CEST

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

General Assembly Representatives present:

Austria (AT) (virtually)
Belgium (BE) (in-person)
Burkina Faso (BF) (in-person)
Congo (CG) (virtually)

Côte d'Ivoire (CI) (virtually) Côte d'Ivoire (CI) (virtually)

Democratic Republic of Congo (CD) (in-person)
Democratic Republic of Congo (CD) (in-person)

Denmark (DK) (in-person)
Ethiopia (ET) (virtually)
France (FR) (in-person)
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France (FR) (in-person)
Gabon (GA) (in-person)
The Gambia (GM) (virtually)
Germany (DE) (in-person)
Germany (DE) (in-person)

Germany (DE) (in-person)
Germany (DE) (virtually)

Guinea-Conakry (GC) (in-person)

Ireland (IE) (virtually) Mali (ML) (virtually)

Mozambique (MZ) (in-person) The Netherlands (NL) (virtually)

Niger (NE) (virtually)
Nigeria (NG) (in-person)
Nigeria (NG) (in-person)
Norway (NO) (in-person)
Portugal (PT) (in-person)
Rwanda (RW) (in-person))

South Africa (ZA) (virtually)

Elisabeth Tischelmayer (AT-ET) Saskia Decuypere (BE-SD) Sodiomon B. Sirima (BF-SS) Francine Ntoumi (CG-FN) Louis Penali (CI-LP)

Man-Koumba Souhamoro (CI-MKS) Julien Ntaongo Alendi (CD-NA) Placide Mbala (CD-PM)

Mikkel Lyndrup (DK-ML) Alemseged Abdissa (ET-AA)

Eric D'Ortenzio (EDCTP Board Member) (FR-EDO)

Virginie Sivan (FR-VS) Marjon Fanjat (FR-MF) Ayola Akim Adegnika (GA-AA) Phebian Sagnia (GM-PG)

Henning Gädeke (EDCTP Board Chair) (DE-HG), Chairperson

Laura de la Cruz (DE-LC) Anne Schmöle (DE-ASc) Andrea Spelberg (DE-AS) Karifa Kourouma (GC-KK) David Weakliam (IE-DW) Abdoulaye Djimdé (ML-AD) Francisco Saúte (MZ-FS) Gerrie Tuitert (NL-GT)

Halima Boubacar Maïnassara (NE-HB)

Ayoola Olusola (NG-AO) Babatunde Salako (NG-BS) Karine Kålsås (NO-KK) Hugo Soares (PT-HS)

Claude Mambo Muvunyi (RW-CM)

Glaudina Loots (EDCTP Board Vice-Chair) (ZA-GL)

Abbreviations:

AACHRD - African Advisory Committee for Research and Development

ACT - Access to COVID-19 Tools

ACT-A-Dx - Accelerator Diagnostics Pillar

Africa CDC - Africa Centres for Disease Control and

Prevention

AIGHD - Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and

Development AU – African Union

AUDA-NEPAD – African Union Development Agency

ALERRT - African coalition for Epidemic Research,

Response and Training

AVAREF - African Vaccine Regulatory Forum BMGF - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

BRCCH - Botnar Research Centre for Child Health
CEPI - Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations
CONCVACT - Consortium for COVID-19 Vaccine Trials
COVAX - the vaccines pillar of the ACT Accelerator

COVID-19 - COrona Virus Disease 2019 CSAs – Coordination and Support Actions DNDi - Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative

EC – European Commission

EPI - Expanded Programme on Immunization

FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions

FB - Fondation Botnar

FIND - Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics

GA – General Assembly

GloPID-R - Global Research Collaboration for Infectious

Disease Preparedness





The power of sharing science

South Africa (ZA) (in-person) South Africa (ZA) (virtually)

Spain (ES) (in-person)

Sweden (SE) (in-person)

Sweden (SE) (in-person)
Tanzania (TZ) (in-person)

Uganda (UG)) (virtually)

Uganda (UG)) (virtually)

United Kingdom (UK) (in-person) United Kingdom (UK) (in-person)

United Kingdom (UK) (virtually)

United Kingdom (UK) (virtually)

United Kingdom (UK) (Virtually

Zambia (ZM) (in-person) Zambia (ZM) (in-person)

Zimbabwe (ZW) (virtually)

Zimbabwe (ZW) (virtually)

General Assembly apologies:

Cameroon (CM)

Finland (FI)

Ghana (GH)

Italy (IT) (Representative TBD)

Kenya (KE)

Liberia (LR)

Luxembourg (LU)

Malawi (MW)

Senegal (SN)

Sierra Leone (SL)

D. P. van der Nest (AC Chair) (AC-DP)

Jan Paehler (EC-JP)

Harleen Grewal (SAC Chair) (SAC-HG) Joseph Okeibunor (WHO-AFRO-JO)

General Assembly Observers present: Audit Committee (AC) (in-person)

European Commission (EC) (in-person)

Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) (in-person)

WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO-AFRO) (virtually)

EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:

Executive Director (SEC) (in-person)

High Representative Europe (SEC) (in-person)

Director of Finance & Administration (SEC) (in-person)

Operations Manager (SEC) (in-person)

Michael Makanga (SEC-MM) Marcel Tanner (SEC-MT) Abdoulie Barry (SEC-AB)

Pauline Beattie (SEC-PB)

Vinny Pillay (ZA-VP) Andiswa Zitho (ZA-AZ)

Tomás López-Peña Ordoñez (ES-TL)

Maria-Teresa Bejarano (EDCTP Board Vice-Chair) (SE-MB)

Markus Moll (SE-MM) Khadija Malima (TZ-KM)

Samuel Okware (EDCTP Board Member) (UG-SO)

Mark Palmer (UK-MP) Samia Majid (UK-SM) Tafadzwa Kadye (UK-TK)

Val Snewin (UK-VS)

Godfrey Biemba (EDCTP Board Member) (ZM-GB)

Sandra Sakala (ZM-SS)

Collen Masimirembwa (ZW-CM) Nyaradzo Mgodi (ZW-NM) GF - the Global Fund

GMP - Global Malaria Program

GPH - EU-Africa Global Health Partnership (EDCTP3)

HR – High Representative JU – Joint Undertaking

MoU - Memorandum of Understanding

MMV - Medicines for Malaria Venture

NCDs - Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases

NITAGs - National Immunization Technical Advisory

Groups

NHRS - National Health Research System

NRAs - National Regulatory Authorities

PANDORA-ID-NET - Pan-African Network for Rapid

R&D - Research and Development

Research, Response, Relief and Preparedness for Infectious

Diseases Epidemics

RIAs - Research and Innovation Actions

PDP - Product Development Partnership

PPE - Personal Protective Equipment

PRDs - Poverty-related diseases

PS – Participating State

PSIA - Participating State Initiated Activity

SAC – Scientific Advisory Committee

SEC - EDCTP Secretariat

SRIA - Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

SSA - Sub-Saharan Africa

TDR - The Special Programme for Research and Training in

Tropical Diseases

UKCDR - UK Collaborative on Development Research

WHO – World Health Organization

WHO-AFRO - World Health Organization – Regional Office

for Africa.





Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Dev. Manager – Head of Africa Office (SEC-TN) (virtually)
Legal Officer (SEC) (in-person)
Project Officer (SEC) (virtually)
Communications Officer (SEC) (in-person)
Monitoring & Evaluation Officer (SEC) (virtually)
Executive Governance Officer (SEC) (in-person)

Thomas Nyirenda (SEC-TN)

Louwrens Kiestra (SEC-LK) Michelle Singh (SEC-MS) Daniela Pereira (SEC-DP) Dominika Jajkowicz (SEC-DJ) Isabel Reis (SEC-IR)

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 GA meeting of 25 May 2023 was approved.				
1.5	Approval of the minutes of the GA meeting of 14 October 2022	DECISION : The minutes of the GA meeting of 14 October 2022 were approved.				
2.2	EDCTP Annual Report 2022	DECISION: The GA approved the EDCTP Annual Report 2022.				
2.4	Annual statutory accounts 2022	DECISION : The GA approved the statutory accounts and the reappointment of Ernst and Young for another year.				
2.5	Updated EDCTP Internal Regulations	DECISION : The revised version of the Internal Regulations of the EDCTP Association were approved.				
		ACTION : GA to assess whether further adjustments need to be introduced in the IR after one year, including in the role of the Executive Director regarding the GH EDCTP3 functions of the EDCTP-Association.	GA Members			
3.1	3.1 EDCTP 20 th Anniversary & 11 th Forum – progress and planning	ACTION : Further suggestions on the EDCTP Forum programme to the SEC be sent by written procedure.	GA members			
		DECISION : The Eleventh EDCTP draft Programme was endorsed.				



4.2	Key recent results from COVID-19 grants	ACTION : At their next GH EDCTP JU Governing Board meeting, the EDCTP Association Board members to be cognisant and flag the potential operational challenges of implementing two grant agreements for the projects severely affected by COVID-19 that will receive or are applying for a supplement via the GH EDCTP3, to ensure smooth close out of EDCTP2 funding and seamless implementation of GH EDCTP3 funding.	Board	
8.1	GH EDCTP3 2023 In-Kind contributions to additional	ACTION : SEC to consider organizing an additional meeting dedicated to EDCTP3, possibly around the Forum in Paris.	SEC	
	activities (IKAAs)	ACTION : For the EDCTP3 annual cash contributions for administrative costs, the SEC to inform the member states well in advance to facilitate planning	SEC	
		purposes at country level.	SEC	
		ACTION : Further information sharing sessions on IKAAs to be delivered at country level, particularly for the new Association countries.	SEC	ASAP
		ACTION : The information related to the request for submission of IKAAs for inclusion in the GH EDCTP3 2024 work programme, with the deadline of 6 October 2023 – to be sent to all JUC members ASAP.	SEC	ASAP
		ACTION : SEC to send ASAP a spreadsheet that itemizes the disbursements that have been received from the Member States, including the basis of calculations that has been done for 2022 and for 2023.		