

Minutes of the EDCTP Association General Assembly (GA) hybrid meeting on 14 June 2025

Date and time: Saturday, 14 June 2025, 09:30-17:00 hours CAT

Kigali Convention Centre, Kigali, Rwanda

MEETING PARTICIPANTS		
General Assembly Member Representatives present:		
Austria (AT) (<i>virtually</i>)	Elisabeth Tischelmayer (AT-ET)	Abbreviations: Africa CDC - Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention AES - African Epidemic Service AMA - African Medicines Agency AMR - Antimicrobial Resistance ART - Antiretroviral therapy AU - African Union AVAREF - African Vaccine Regulatory Forum BMGF - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation CIPO - Competent Independent Public Officer CoRET - Consortium for Research Ethics Training CPLP - Community of Portuguese Language Countries CSAs – Coordination and Support Actions DG INTPA – Directorate-General for International Partnerships DG RTD – Directorate-General for Research and Innovation ECSA-HC - The East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community EC – European Commission ECOWAS - Economic Community of West African States EU – European Commission EY – Ernst & Young FCT- Foundation for Science and Technology GA – General Assembly GB – Governing Board (of the GH EDCTP3 JU) GH EDCTP3 JU – Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking
Belgium (BE) (<i>virtually</i>)	Tim Roosen (BE-TR)	
Benin (BJ) (<i>virtually</i>)	Marius Kêdoté (BJ-MK)	
Congo, Republic (CG) (<i>virtually</i>)	Francine Ntoui (CG-FN)	
Côte d'Ivoire (CI) (<i>in-person</i>)	Yaya Sangare (CI-YS)	
Côte d'Ivoire (CI) (<i>virtually</i>)	Man-Koumba Soumahoro (CI-MKS)	
Denmark (DK) (<i>in-person</i>)	Mikkel Lyndrup (DK-ML)	
Eswatini, Kingdom of (SZ) (<i>virtually</i>)	Siphiwe Ngwenya (SZ-SN)	
Eswatini, Kingdom of (SZ) (<i>virtually</i>)	Alexander Kay (SZ-AK)	
Ethiopia (ET) (<i>virtually</i>)	Alemseged Abdissa (ET-AA) (EDCTP Board Vice-Chair)	
France (FR) (<i>virtually</i>)	Eric D'Ortenzio (FR-EDO) (EDCTP Board Member)	
France (FR) (<i>virtually</i>)	Sheyla Mejia Gervacio (FR-SMG)	
France (FR) (<i>virtually</i>)	Marion Fanjat (FR-MF) – <i>technical adviser</i>	
France (FR) (<i>virtually</i>)	Laurent Jaboeuf (FR-LJ)	
Gabon (GA) (<i>in-person</i>)	Ayola Akim Adegnika (GA-AA)	
Germany (DE) (<i>in-person</i>)	Henning Gädeke (DE-HG) (EDCTP Board Chair), <i>Chairperson</i>	
Germany (DE) (<i>in-person</i>)	Andrea Spelberg (DE-AS)	
Germany (DE) (<i>in-person</i>)	Anne Schmöle (DE-ASc) – <i>technical adviser</i>	
Germany (DE) (<i>in-person</i>)	Arlena Liggins (DE-AL) – <i>technical adviser</i>	
Guinea-Bissau (GW) (<i>in-person</i>)	Aladje Baldé (GW-AB)	
Guinea-Bissau (GW) (<i>in-person</i>)	Magda Robalo (GW-MR)	
Guinea, Republic of (GN) (<i>virtually</i>)	Karifa Kourouma (GN-KK)	
Ireland (IE) (<i>virtually</i>)	David Weakliam (IE-DW)	
Kenya (KE) (<i>in-person</i>)	Bernhards Ogutu (KE-BO)	
Malawi (MW) (<i>in-person</i>)	Matthew Kagoli (MW-MK)	
Malawi (MW) (<i>in-person</i>)	Evelyn Chitsa Banda (MW-ECB)	
Malawi (MW) (<i>in-person</i>)	Dzinkambani Kambalame (MW-DZ)	
Mali (ML) (<i>virtually</i>)	Abdoulaye Djimé (ML-AD)	



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Mali (ML) <i>(virtually)</i>	Mahamadou Ali Thera (ML-MT)	HR – High Representative
Mozambique (MZ) <i>(in-person)</i>	Francisco Saúte (MS-FS)	IKAA – In-Kind contributions to Additional Activities
Mozambique (MZ) <i>(virtually)</i>	Sérgio Chicumbe (MZ-SC)	JU – Joint Undertaking
Namibia (NA) <i>(in-person)</i>	Jacob Sheehama (NA-JS)	MAV+ - Manufacturing and Access to Vaccines, Medicines, and Health Technologies in Africa
Nigeria (NG) <i>(in-person)</i>	Ayoola Olusola (NG-AO)	MFF - Multiannual Financial Framework
Norway (NO) <i>(in-person)</i>	Karine Kalsas (NO-KK)	MoU - Memorandum of Understanding
Portugal (PT) <i>(in-person)</i>	Marta Norton (PT-MN) (EDCTP Board Member)	NCDs - Non-communicable diseases
Portugal (PT) <i>(in-person)</i>	Carlos Almeida Pereira (PT-CP)	NoE – Networks of Excellence
Portugal (PT) <i>(in-person)</i>	Gonçalo Teixeira (PT-GT)	LRTIs - Lower Respiratory Tract Infections
Rwanda (RW) <i>(in-person)</i>	Jean Claude Ngabonziza (RW-JN)	PALOPs - Portuguese-speaking African countries
Rwanda (RW) <i>(in-person)</i>	Vedaste Ndahindwa (RW-VN)	R&I – Research and Innovation
Senegal (SN) <i>(virtually)</i>	Samba Cor Sarr (SN-SS)	R&D - Research and Development
Sierra Leone (SL) <i>(virtually)</i>	Sulaiman Lakoh (SL-SL)	RIAs - Research and Innovation Actions
South Africa (ZA) <i>(in-person)</i>	Glaudina Loots (ZA-GL) (EDCTP Board Vice-Chair)	RTD - Directorate-General for Research and Innovation
South Africa (ZA) <i>(in-person)</i>	Tugela Matubatuba (ZA-TM) – <i>technical adviser</i>	PS – Participating State
South Africa (ZA) <i>(in-person)</i>	Eudy Mabuza (ZA-EM)	PSIA – Participating State Initiated Activities
South Africa (ZA) <i>(virtually)</i>	Vinny Pillay (ZA-VP)	SADC - Southern African Development Community
South Africa (ZA) <i>(virtually)</i>	Anita Mnisi (ZA-AM) – <i>technical adviser</i>	SBA – Single Basic Act
Spain (ES) <i>(in-person)</i>	Jose Miguel Rubio (ES-JMR)	SEC – EDCTP Secretariat
Spain (ES) <i>(virtually)</i>	Agustín Benito (ES-AB)	SRIA - Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda
Spain (ES) <i>(virtually)</i>	Elena Doménech (ES-ED) – <i>technical adviser</i>	SSA - Sub-Saharan Africa
Sweden (SE) <i>(in-person)</i>	Markus Moll (SE-MM)	TESA - Trials of Excellence in Southern Africa
Tanzania (TZ) <i>(in-person)</i>	Bugwesa Katale (TZ-BK)	TB – Tuberculosis
Uganda (UG)) <i>(in-person)</i>	Samuel Okware (UG-SO) (EDCTP Board Member)	UHC - Universal Health Coverage
United Kingdom (UK) <i>(in-person)</i>	Val Snewin (UK-VS)	UNFPA - United Nations Population Fund
United Kingdom (UK) <i>(in-person)</i>	Yessica Alvarez-Manzano (UK-YM) – <i>technical adviser</i>	WANECAM-2 consortium - West African Network for Clinical Trials of Antimalarial Drugs
United Kingdom (UK) <i>(virtually)</i>	Samia Majid (UK-SM) – <i>technical adviser</i>	WHO – World Health Organization
Zambia (ZM) <i>(in-person)</i>	Victor Chalwe (ZM-VC)	WHO-AFRO - World Health Organization – Regional Office for Africa
		WP – Work Programme.
General Assembly Members absent:		
Burkina-Faso (BF)		
Cameroon (CM)		
Democratic Republic of the Congo (CD)		
Gambia, The (GM)		
Ghana (GH)		
Finland (FI)		
Italy (IT) (Representative TBD)		



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Liberia (LR)
Luxembourg (LU)
Netherlands, The (NL)
Niger (NE)
Somalia (SO)
Zimbabwe (ZW)

General Assembly Observers present:

Africa CDC (<i>in-person</i>)	Mosoka Fallah (ACDC-MF)
Botswana (BW) (<i>in-person</i>)	Joseph Makhema (BW)-JM)
Cabo Verde (<i>in-person</i>)	Maria da Luz Lima (CV-MDL)
EDCTP Audit Committee Chair	Shaila Hari (SH)
European Commission (EC) (<i>in-person</i>)	Martin Seychell (EC-MS)
European Commission (EC) (<i>in-person</i>)	Kasia Jurczak (EC-KJ)
European Commission (EC) (<i>in-person</i>)	Jan Paehler (EC-JP)
European Commission (EC) (<i>in-person</i>)	Miguel Campo Llopis (EC-MCL)
Global Health EDCTP3 (<i>in-person</i>)	Michael Makanga (GH-EDCTP3-MM)
Global Health EDCTP3 (<i>in-person</i>)	Vincent Declerfayt (GH-EDCTP3-VD)
Global Health EDCTP3 (<i>in-person</i>)	Liesbet De Cock (GH-EDCTP3-LC)
Global Health EDCTP3 (<i>in-person</i>)	Lara Pandya (GH-EDCTP3-LP)
Global Health EDCTP3 (<i>in-person</i>)	Agustín Martín (GH-EDCTP3-AM)
Global Health EDCTP3 (<i>virtually</i>)	Antónia Forte (GH-EDCTP3-AF)
Global Health EDCTP3 (<i>virtually</i>)	Laurent Schell (GH-EDCTP3-LS) (attended only agenda item 4.3)
Global Health EDCTP3 (<i>in-person</i>)	Monica Ford (GH-EDCTP3-MF)
Madagascar (<i>in-person</i>)	Voahangy Rasolofo Razanamparany (MG-VR)
Switzerland (<i>in-person</i>)	Myrian Cevallos (SW-MC)
The East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC) (<i>in-person</i>)	Edward Kataika (ECSA-HC-EK)
Togo (<i>in-person</i>)	Mounerou Salou (MS)
WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO-AFRO) (<i>in-person</i>)	Joseph Okeibunor (WHO-AFRO-JO)

EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:

Executive Director & Director of Finance & Administration (SEC) (<i>in-person</i>)	Abdoulie Barry (SEC-AB)
High Representative (SEC) (<i>in-person</i>)	Marcel Tanner (SEC-MT)
Operations Manager & Scientific Advisor (SEC) (<i>in-person</i>)	Pauline Beattie (SEC-PB)
Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Dev. Manager –	Thomas Nyirenda (SEC-TN)



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<div> <div> Head of Africa Office (SEC-TN) (<i>in-person</i>) Project Officer (SEC) (<i>in-person</i>) Senior Administrative Officer (SEC) (<i>in-person</i>) Communications Officer (SEC) (<i>in-person</i>) Executive Governance Officer (SEC) (<i>in-person</i>) </div> <div> Michelle Singh (SEC-MS) Jennifer Stamatelos (SEC-JS) Daniela Pereira (SEC-DN) Isabel Reis (SEC-IR) </div> </div>				
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 14 June 2025 (document 1) was approved.		
1.5	Approval of the minutes of the GA meeting of 7 October 2024	DECISION: The minutes of the GA meeting of 7 October 2024 (document 2) were approved.		
2.2	Draft EDCTP Annual Report 2024	DECISION: The EDCTP Annual Report 2024 (document 3) was approved.		
2.4	Annual statutory accounts 2024 & reappointment of EY	DECISION: The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 were approved. DECISION: The re-appointment of EY for one year as EDCTP's auditor – to hold office until the conclusion of the May/June 2026 EDCTP GA meeting – was approved.		
4.3	Association member feedback on the draft Global Health EDCTP3 JU Work Programme 2026	ACTION: Additional comments from the EDCTP3 members on the draft Global Health EDCTP3 JU Work Programme 2026 should be sent to the SEC (SEC-IR) by 4 July 2025, close of business.	asap	4 July 2025
5.1	European Participating State to host the Thirteenth EDCTP Forum in 2027	DECISION: The Host Country Evaluation Report for the 2027 EDCTP Forum (document 8) was approved.		