



Tenth EDCTP Forum

# Equity in research for health

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# Join us at the Tenth EDCTP Forum

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to take part in the Tenth EDCTP Forum to be held virtually and via a link to Maputo in our host country Mozambique, from 17 to 21 October 2021.

This Tenth Forum, our first to take place online, is an opportunity for participants working in global health research around the world, to join us in diverse Forum activities anchored in a compelling scientific programme. Although the online format precludes face-to-face in-person contact for most participants, it offers opportunities for active participation remotely by everyone who is unable to travel to Maputo during the pandemic.

The Forum theme - **Equity in research for health** – is at the core of the EDCTP mission. Through the second EDCTP programme, EDCTP2, we have seen increasing participation from across Africa and Europe in EDCTP projects. Nevertheless, gender and geographical disparities remain. We welcome your engagement and your input in discussions at the Forum about successes and challenges in achieving equity in research, and how best to ensure that research processes and outputs address health inequities.

The Forum objectives reflect the need for global research partner cooperation in preparedness and response to disease outbreaks, in public health emergencies, and in strengthening health systems. Awareness of this need has never been greater than it is now.

The online Forum, linking to our hosts in Mozambique, presents a platform to take stock of the impact and achievements of currently operational Europe-Africa research and capacity building partnerships. We will examine how their work is contributing to stronger clinical research environments in African countries on the road to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals.

EDCTP is proud of its record in supporting the career development of African scientists, with more than 240 postgraduate students and 196 fellows supported under EDCTP2, many of whom will attend the Forum and contribute to its programme.

We greatly acknowledge the support of our partners and hosts for the Forum, the National Institute of Health of Mozambique and the Manhica Health Research Centre. EDCTP and our Mozambican hosts look forward to meeting you in Maputo or online.

For more information about the Tenth EDCTP Forum, please visit [www.edctpforum.org](http://www.edctpforum.org).

The Tenth EDCTP Forum aims to:

- Promote the development of African and European leaders for research in poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases, and increase awareness of the need for clinical research activities in Africa
- Provide a platform for dialogue and the exchange of ideas between researchers, policy makers, funders in the field of clinical development of effective and accessible interventions against poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases
- Support engagement between African and European scientific communities as well as partners from other regions in order to shape an effective and appropriate research agenda
- Promote networking at all levels.

## Forum programme

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The programme of this year's Forum comprises a wide range of topics of clinical research covering poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases, within the scope of the EDCTP programme. The Forum will feature invited speakers who are leaders in their respective areas of research, as well as abstract-driven oral and poster presentations and symposia. A number of these oral and poster presenters will be early career investigators and scientists working in the field of EDCTP.

The **'Meet the experts'** session will give young researchers the possibility to attend group meetings with leading experts in the field of poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases. The sessions will offer an opportunity for informal discussions, and will allow young researchers to present their questions and gain knowledge.

**Symposia** will be organised by groups of researchers or organisations on a variety of topics related to the Forum theme, promoting interactive discussions and exchange of views with Forum delegates.

More information about the calls for abstracts, scientific symposia and scholarship opportunities are available on the Tenth EDCTP Forum website ([www.edctpforum.org](http://www.edctpforum.org)).

## EDCTP Prizes

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At the Tenth EDCTP Forum, EDCTP will award four international prizes dedicated to the promotion of scientific research, improved health and Africa-European collaboration:

- **Scientific Leadership:** Awarded to excellent world-class scientists in sub-Saharan Africa up to 50 years of age working on HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected infectious diseases in the scope of the EDCTP2 programme. It consists of a recognition trophy and a cash prize of €10,000.
- **Outstanding Female Scientist:** Awarded to excellent world-class female scientists in sub-Saharan Africa and working in the scope of the EDCTP2 programme. It consists of a recognition trophy and a cash prize of €20,000.
- **Outstanding Research Team:** Awarded to outstanding research teams in sub-Saharan Africa and Europe working on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected infectious diseases in the scope of the EDCTP2 programme. It consists of a recognition trophy and a cash prize of €50,000.
- **Dr Pascoal Mocumbi Prize:** This prize is named after Dr Pascoal Mocumbi, the first High Representative of EDCTP, in special recognition of his significant contribution to the development of EDCTP as an international collaborative research partnership. It is to be awarded to senior scientists, policy-makers or advocates for health and research, from anywhere in the world. It consists of a recognition trophy and a cash prize of €50,000.



The EDCTP prizes recognise outstanding individuals and research teams from Africa and Europe who have made significant contributions to health research. In addition to their scientific excellence, the awardees will have made major contributions to the EDCTP objectives of strengthening clinical research capacity in Africa and supporting South-South and North-South networking.

## Sponsorship opportunities

The Tenth EDCTP Forum will gather representatives from different regions and research fields, in a virtual conference venue providing an excellent opportunity for networking and to highlight and promote key activities to a targeted audience while contributing to EDCTP's mission and conference goals.

The Forum presents a unique opportunity to establish and reinforce cooperation and synergy among EDCTP stakeholders, share experiences and gather ideas that will contribute to and inform future research and development.

There are many ways EDCTP partners can be involved at the Forum. One of them is through our sponsorship opportunities, which allow profiling and raising the visibility of organisations working in the same field as EDCTP.

## Sponsorship items and packages

Individual sponsorship items can be purchased as follows:



### Virtual exhibition booth

**€1,000 (reduced rate of €750 for non-profit organisations)**

Exhibitors have maximum exposure to Forum delegates. The virtual exhibition area provides opportunities to connect and exchange information with delegates, making this the perfect space to showcase your organisation.

This interactive space will allow exhibitors to engage with delegates using a variety of interactive tools, such as video calls or live chat and display of corporate videos. Forum delegates will be able to explore the exhibition at any time during the Forum, wherever they are in the world. Exhibitors can make available a variety of materials for delegates to access, including publications and videos. More information and a demonstration of the exhibition area and virtual booths can be provided upon request.

This sponsorship item includes:

- A virtual exhibition booth where resources can be displayed (e.g., publications or videos), meetings can be arranged and promotional activities organised
- Logo on the Forum website, virtual platform, EDCTP social media channels and in the Forum programme



### Sponsored symposium

**€500**

Integrated in the conference programme, sponsored symposia enable organisations from different regions to present their latest work towards advancing the science, policy, and community response, providing unique opportunities to learn and engage with distinguished researchers and stakeholders working on infectious diseases. The format allows partner organisations to present an overview of a topic, including time for questions, discussion, and exchange of views with Forum delegates. We welcome symposia on a wide range of topics in the EDCTP remit, with relevance to the forum theme. The Programme committee will review the proposed content of the symposia to ensure it meets the objectives of the conference. The sponsor arranges and coordinates the symposium.



This sponsorship item includes:

- Pre-recorded sponsored symposium of 60 minutes integrated in the conference programme (with possibility of live Q&A)
- Listing as a part of the conference programme
- Session available on-demand on the virtual platform after the scheduled session takes place and accessible to registered delegates
- Technical support before and during the scheduled session
- Online recognition on Forum website, virtual platform, and in the Forum programme

Symposium proposals must be submitted by **8 July 2021** in English via email using the [application form](#).

Alternatively, sponsorship packages are available as follows:

### Gold level sponsorship package

**€ 5,000**

- One sponsored symposium
- Virtual exhibitor booth
- Banner display during plenary sessions (all days)
- Video display between sessions (once a day)
- Online recognition on Forum website, on virtual platform, social media and in the Forum programme

### Silver level sponsorship package

**€ 3,000**

- Virtual exhibitor booth
- Banner display during plenary sessions (one day)
- Video display between sessions (once a day)
- Online recognition on Forum website, on virtual platform, social media and in the Forum programme

### Bronze level sponsorship package

**€ 500**

- Online recognition on Forum website, on virtual platform, social media and in the Forum programme
- Banner displayed during plenary sessions (one day).

### Sponsorship packages at a glance

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Sponsored symposium	✓		
Virtual exhibitor booth	✓	✓	
Banner display during plenary sessions	✓ (all days)	✓ (one day)	✓ (one day)
Video display between sessions	✓ (once a day)	✓ (once a day)	
Online recognition on Forum website, social media, on virtual platform, at the start of each Forum virtual session, and in the Forum programme	✓	✓	✓
	€ 5,000	€ 3,000	€ 500

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