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Minutes from the virtual EDCTP General Assembly meeting of 28 May 2021, 13:00-17:00 CEST

MEETING PARTICIPANTS		
General Assembly (GA) Representatives present:		Abbreviations:
Austria (AT)	Elisabeth Tischelmayer (Technical Advisor) (AT-ET) - <i>written proxy for AT</i>	AACHRD - African Advisory Committee for Research and Development
Burkina Faso (BF)	Ali Sie (BF-AS)	ACT - Access to COVID-19 Tools
Cameroon (CM)	Anne-Cécile Zoung Kanyi Bissek (CM-AB)	ACT-A-Dx - Accelerator Diagnostics Pillar
Congo (CG)	Francine Ntoumi (CG-FN)	Africa CDC - Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
Denmark (DK)	Mikkel Lyndrup (DK-ML)	AlGHd - Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development
Ethiopia (ET)	Abebe Genetu Bayih (ET-AGB)	AU – African Union
Finland (FI)	Sirpa Nuotio (FI-SN)	ALERRT - African coalition for Epidemic Research, Response and Training
France (FR)	Yazdan Yazdanpanah (EDCTP Board Chair) (FR-YY), <i>Chairperson</i>	AVAREF - African Vaccine Regulatory Forum
France (FR)	Virginie Sivan (FR-VS)	BMGF - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
France (FR)	Marion Fanjat (Technical Advisor) (FR-MF)	BRCCH - Botnar Research Centre for Child Health
Gabon (GA)	Ayola Akim Adegnika (GA-AA)	CEPI - Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations
Gabon (GA)	Jean-Bernard Lekana Douki (GA-JD)	CONCVACT - Consortium for COVID-19 Vaccine Trials
Germany (DE)/Luxembourg (LU)	Andrea Spelberg (EDCTP Board Member) (DE-AS) – <i>written proxy for LU</i>	COVAX - the vaccines pillar of the ACT Accelerator
Germany (DE)	Detlef Böcking (DE-DB)	COVID-19 - COrona Virus Disease 2019
Germany (DE)	Arlena Liggins (Technical Advisor) (DE-AL)	DNDi - Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative
Germany (DE)	Sabrina Voss (Technical Advisor) (DE-SV)	EC – European Commission
Italy (IT)	Pietro Alano (IT-PA)	FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions
Italy (IT)	Aldo Covello (Technical Advisor) (IT-AC)	FB - Fondation Botnar
Mali (ML)	Abdoulaye Djimé (ML-AD)	FIND - Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics
Mozambique (MZ)	Eusébio Macete (MZ-EM)	GA – General Assembly
The Netherlands (NL)	Gerrie Tuitert (NL-GT)	GloPID-R - Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness
Niger (NE)	Sakina Habou Ocquet (NE-SO)	GF – the Global Fund
Niger (NE)	Halima Boubacar Maïnassara (NE-HM)	GMP - Global Malaria Program
Nigeria (NG)	Godwin Brooks (NG-GB)	GPH - EU-Africa Global Health Partnership (EDCTP3)
Norway (NO)	Karine Kålsås (NO-KK)	HR – High Representative
Portugal (PT)	Anabela Isidro (PT-AI), <i>written proxy for PT</i>	JU – Joint Undertaking
Senegal (SN)	Alioune Dieye (SN-AD)	MMV - Medicines for Malaria Venture
Senegal (SN)	Youssoupha Ndiaye (SN-YN)	NHRS - National Health Research System
South Africa (ZA)	Jeffrey Mphahlele (EDCTP Board Vice-Chair) (ZA-JM)	
South Africa (ZA)	Vinny Pillay (ZA-VP)	
South Africa (ZA)	Glaudina Loots (Technical Advisor) (ZA-GL)	



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Spain (ES)
Sweden (SE)
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Switzerland (Aspirant Member) (CH)
Uganda (UG)
United Kingdom (UK)
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General Assembly (GA) apologies:

Angola (Aspirant Member) (AO)
Ghana (GH)
Ireland (IE)
Tanzania (TZ)
The Gambia (GM)
Zambia (ZM)

General Assembly Observers present:

European Commission (EC)
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WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO-AFRO)
Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:

Director of Finance & Administration (SEC)
Operations Manager (SEC)
Director of International Cooperation Africa (SEC)
Legal Officer (SEC)
Executive Director (SEC)
Technical Advisor R&D (secondment)
Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Dev. Manager (SEC)
Strategic Partnerships Officer (SEC)
High Representative Africa (SEC)
High Representative Europe (SEC)
Strategic Partnerships Officer (SEC)

Andiswa Zitho (EDCTP Project Coordinator) (ZA-AZ)
Tomás López-Peña Ordoñez (ES-TL)
Hannah Akuffo (SE-HA)
Markus Moll (SE-MM)
Maria-Teresa Bejarano (Technical Advisor) (SE-MB)
Juerg Utzinger (CH-JU)
Sam Okware (UG-SO)
Mark Palmer (UK-MP)
Bianca Dsouza (UK-BD)
Samia Majid (Technical Advisor) (UK-SM)

Barbara Kerstiēns (EC-BK)
Inmaculada Peñas-Jiménez (EC-IPJ)
Steffi Sowinski (EC-SS)
Elmar Nimmessgern (EC-EN)
Joseph Okeibunor (WHO-JO)
Catherine Hankins (SAC Chair) (SAC-CH)

Abdoulie Barry (SEC-AB)
Pauline Beattie (SEC-PB)
Moses Bockarie (SEC-MBo)
Louwrens Kiestra (SEC-LK)
Michael Makanga (SEC-MM)
Anthony Man (SEC-AM)
Thomas Nyirenda (SEC-TN)
Lara Pandya (SEC-LP)
Leonardo Simão (SEC-LS)
Marcel Tanner (SEC-MT)
Ana Lúcia Weinberg (SEC-ALW)

PANDORA-ID-NET - Pan-African Network for Rapid
R&D - Research and Development
Research, Response, Relief and Preparedness for Infectious
Diseases Epidemics
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
UKCDR - UK Collaborative on Development Research
WHO – World Health Organization
WHO-AFRO - World Health Organization – Regional Office
for Africa.



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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 GA meeting of 28 May 2021 was approved.		
1.5	Approval of the minutes of the GA meeting of 19 October 2020	DECISION: The minutes of the GA meeting of 19 October 2020 were approved.		
2.2	EDCTP Annual Report 2020	DECISION: The EDCTP Annual Report 2020 was approved.		
2.3	Annual statutory accounts 2020	DECISION: The Annual statutory accounts 2020 were approved, in addition to the re-appointment of Ernst and Young (EY) as EDCTP's auditor for another year – to hold office until the conclusion of the May/June 2022 GA meeting.		
6.1	Status update on Participating States' Initiated Activities (PSIAs)	ACTION: SEC and EC to follow up on any necessary revisions to the EDCTP2 Delegation Agreement in order to implement the recommendations for increasing the acceptability of PSIA costs incurred by PSs.	SEC/EC	ASAP
7.1.1	Amendments to EDCTP Articles of Association	<p>DECISION: The Amendments to EDCTP Articles of Association were approved by 20 Association Members (Austria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo, Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Uganda, United Kingdom) that were present or represented by written proxy in the meeting voted to approve the proposed amendments of the EDCTP Articles of Association.</p> <p>ACTION: SEC to request the remaining 10 Association Members (Ireland, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Mozambique, The Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, Tanzania, Zambia) to cast their votes by written procedure in order to secure the unanimous approval required for amending the Articles of Association.</p>	SEC	ASAP



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7.1.2	Administrative costs	DECISION: The vote on the resolution for sharing of administrative costs for the Global Health EDCTP3 programme was postponed to a later stage, when more would be known regarding the full extent of the costs to be covered.		
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