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Minutes from the virtual meeting of the EDCTP General Assembly (GA) of 23 May 2022

Date and time: Monday, 23 May 2022, 13:00-17:00 hours CEST

MEETING PARTICIPANTS		
General Assembly (GA) Representatives present:		
Austria (AT)	Christiane Druml (EDCTP Board Member) (AT-CD)	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 AlGHD - 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 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 GF – the Global Fund
Austria (AT)	Elisabeth Tischelmayer (Technical Advisor) (AT-ET)	
Belgium (BE)	Saskia Decuyper (Technical Advisor) (BE-SD)	
Congo (CG)	Francine Ntoumi (CG-FN)	
Côte d'Ivoire (CI)	Koumba Soumahoro (CI-KS)	
Denmark (DK)	Mikkel Lyndrup (DK-ML)	
Ethiopia (ET)	Alemseged Abdissa (ET-AG)	
Finland (FI)	Sirpa Nuotio (FI-SN)	
France (FR)	Yazdan Yazdanpanah (EDCTP Board Chair) (FR-YY), <i>Chairperson</i>	
France (FR)	Eric D'Ortenzio (FR-EDO)	
France (FR)	Virginie Sivan (FR-VS)	
France (FR)	Marjon Fanjat (Technical Advisor) (FR-MF)	
Gabon (GA)	Ayola Akim Adegnika (GA-AA)	
Gabon (GA)	Jean-Bernard Lekana Douki (GA-LD)	
Germany (DE)	Andrea Spelberg (EDCTP Board Member) (DE-AS)	
Germany (DE)	Detlef Böcking (DE-DB)	
Germany (DE)	Anne Schmöle (Technical Advisor) (DE-ASc)	
Ghana (GH)	Abraham Oduro (GH-AO)	
Italy (IT)	Zeno Bisoffi (IT-ZB)	
Kenya	Jemimah Onsare (KE-JO)	
Mali (ML)	Abdoulaye Djimé (ML-AD)	
Mali (ML)	Mahamadou Aly Thera (ML-MT)	
The Netherlands (NL)	Gerrie Tuitert (NL-GT)	
The Netherlands (NL)	Lander van Ommen (NL-LO)	
Niger (NE)	Halima Maïnassara (NE-HM)	
Nigeria (NG)	Olusola Ayoola (NG-OA)	
Nigeria (NG)	Godwin Brooks (NG-GB)	
Norway (NO)	Karine Kålsås (NO-KK)	
Portugal (PT)	Andreia Feijão (PT-AF)	
Portugal (PT)	Hugo Soares (PT-HS)	
South Africa (ZA)	Glaudina Loots (ZA-GL)	



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South Africa (ZA)	Jeffrey Mphahlele (EDCTP Board Vice-Chair) (ZA-JM)	GMP - Global Malaria Program
South Africa (ZA)	Vinny Pillay (ZA-VP)	GPH - EU-Africa Global Health Partnership (EDCTP3)
South Africa (ZA)	Eudy Mabuza (ZA-EM)	HR – High Representative
South Africa (ZA)	Toto Matshediso (ZA-TM)	JU – Joint Undertaking
South Africa (ZA)	Andiswa Zitho (EDCTP Project Coordinator) (ZA-AZ)	MMV - Medicines for Malaria Venture
Spain (ES)	Tomás López-Peña Ordoñez (ES-TL)	NCDs - Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases
Sweden (SE)	María-Teresa Bejarano (SE-MB)	NITAGs - National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups
Sweden (SE)	Markus Moll (SE-MM)	NHRS - National Health Research System
Switzerland (Aspirant Member) (CH)	Michael Kaeser (CH-MK)	NRAs - National Regulatory Authorities
Tanzania (TZ)	Khadija Malima (TZ-KM)	PANDORA-ID-NET - Pan-African Network for Rapid R&D - Research and Development
Uganda (UG)	Samuel Okware (UG-SO)	Research, Response, Relief and Preparedness for Infectious Diseases Epidemics
United Kingdom (UK)	Mark Palmer (UK-MP)	PDP - Product Development Partnership
United Kingdom (UK)	Bianca D'Souza (UK-BS)	PPE - Personal Protective Equipment
United Kingdom (UK)	Samia Majid (Technical Advisor) (UK-SM)	PRDs - Poverty-related diseases
Zambia (ZM)	Godfrey Biemba (ZM-GB)	PS – Participating State
Zambia (ZM)	Sandra Sakala (ZM-SS)	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.
General Assembly (GA) apologies:		
Angola (Aspirant Member) (AO)		
Burkina Faso (BF)		
Cameroon (CM)		
Germany - Henning Gädeke (DE-HG)		
Ireland (IE)		
Luxembourg (LU)		
Mozambique (MZ)		
Niger (NE)		
Senegal (SN)		
The Gambia (GM)		
General Assembly Observers present:		
European Commission (EC)	Barbara Kerstiëns (EC-BK)	
European Commission (EC)	Inmaculada Peñas-Jiménez (EC-IPJ)	
WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO-AFRO)	Joseph Okeibunor (WHO-JO)	
Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)	Catherine Hankins (SAC Chair) (SAC-CH)	
EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:		
Executive Director (SEC)	Michael Makanga (SEC-MM)	
Director of Finance & Administration (SEC)	Abdoulie Barry (SEC-AB)	
Operations Manager (SEC)	Pauline Beattie (SEC-PB)	



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Director of International Cooperation Africa (SEC)	Moses Bockarie (SEC-MBo)
Legal Officer (SEC)	Louwrens Kiestra (SEC-LK)
Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Dev. Manager (SEC)	Thomas Nyirenda (SEC-TN)
Senior Strategic Partnerships Officer (SEC)	Lara Pandya (SEC-LP)
Senior Strategic Partnerships Officer (SEC)	Ana Lúcia Weinberg (SEC-ALW)
High Representative Africa (SEC)	Leonardo Simão (SEC-LS)
High Representative Europe (SEC)	Marcel Tanner (SEC-MT)
Administrative Officer (SEC)	Jennifer Stamatelos (SEC-JM)
Executive Governance Officer (SEC)	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 23 May 2022 was approved, taking into account that agenda item #7.0 <i>Update from the European Commission (in relation to EDCTP2 matters)</i> was deleted from the agenda.		
1.5	Approval of the minutes of the GA meeting of 15 October 2021	DECISION: The minutes of the GA meeting of 15 October 2021 were approved.		
2.3	Outcome of the election of the Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons	ACTION: SEC to organize the re-run for the election of second Vice-Chair by written procedure, in compliance with the updated Articles of Association .	SEC	asap
3.2	EDCTP Annual Report 2021	DECISION: The EDCTP Annual Report 2021 was approved.		
3.3	Annual statutory accounts 2021 and re-appointment of Ernst and Young (EY) auditors	ACTION: SEC-AB to provide further details in relation to the item "others" included in the "Total governance expenses", in page 9 of the EDCTP Annual Statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021. DECISION: The Annual Statutory accounts 2021 were approved.	SEC	



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		DECISION: The re-appointment of EY auditors for another year was approved.		
4.1	European Participating State to host the EDCTP Forum 2023	ACTION: SEC to follow-up on all matters related to the hosting of the EDCTP Forum 2023.	SEC	
5.1	Scientific update on EDCTP COVID-19 response	ACTION: SEC to prepare a detailed analysis (with factual information) on what would be the losses/consequences in case delayed EDCTP2 projects (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) cannot be extended.	SEC	
9.1	Update from the European Commission on GH EDCTP3 (matters related to EDCTP3)	ACTION: EC to provide a written response to BE-SD, providing details in relation to funding and participation in projects for non-members of the Association.	EC	
9.2	Formalization of Member States agreement to be part of GH EDCTP3 as stipulated in the revised Articles of Association	DECISION: The agreement to be part of the GH EDCTP3, as stipulated in the revised Articles of the Association, was approved. <i>This voting met the quorum (of at least 75 per cent) required to take decisions.</i>		
9.3	Revised draft of a procedure to define the division of tasks between the GA, Board and Joint Undertaking Committee (JUC), and for the appointment of alternates for Board members	DECISION: The revised draft of a procedure to define the division of tasks between the GA, Board and Joint Undertaking Committee (JUC), and for the appointment of alternates for Board members, was approved. <i>This voting met the quorum (of at least 75 per cent) required to take decisions.</i>		
9.4	GH EDCTP3 Annual Work Programme In-Kind contributions to additional activities to be initiated in year 2022	ACTION: Ahead of the submission of IKAAs (and before the GA), SEC to hold a separate meeting to strengthen cooperation efforts and possible alignments amongst the member states.	SEC	