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EDCTP FORUM 2027

EDCTP Forum 2027: Call for abstracts, scientific symposia and workshops

Global Health EDCTP3 has opened the call for abstracts, scientific symposia and workshops for the EDCTP Forum 2027, one of the leading global health research events focused on infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa. The Forum offers a unique platform to share research findings, build partnerships and help shape discussions on global health priorities. The deadline for submissions is 2 September 2026 at 17:00 (Brussels time).

Under the theme 'Innovating together for resilient global health', the 13th edition of the EDCTP Forum will take place in Madrid, Spain on 5-9 April 2027 at the IFEMA Palacio Municipal. The event will be hosted by the Instituto de Salud Carlos III (ISCIII) under the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities and the Fundación CSAI (FCSAI) under the Ministry of Health, and is jointly organised by Global Health EDCTP3 and the EDCTP Association.

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EDCTP Association welcomes new Board members

On 20 May 2026, the General Assembly of the EDCTP Association appointed new members of its Board. These newly appointed members will play a crucial role in supporting EDCTP's mission to strengthen research capacity and accelerate the development of new or improved interventions for poverty-related infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa.

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Have your say on the future of EU Global Health Research Partnerships

The European Commission has launched a public consultation on the future of EU research partnerships, including Global Health EDCTP3, inviting feedback on how these initiatives should be structured for the decade ahead.

Operating under the Joint Undertaking model, partnerships such as Global Health EDCTP3 play a key role in advancing research and innovation in areas such as infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa. The consultation will review how these partnerships are governed, how accessible they are to new participants, and whether the current landscape should be streamlined for the 2028–2034 funding period.

Researchers, institutions, industry, civil society organisations, and interested members of the public are all encouraged to contribute. Input gathered will help shape a more effective, inclusive, and impactful partnership model that can respond to evolving global health and research priorities. Contributions can be submitted until 14 July 2026 (midnight, Brussels time).

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Recent events



Strengthening the path from clinical trials to patient care: ACB Delegation visits EDCTP Africa Office

On 24 June 2026, the Africa Office of the EDCTP Association hosted a delegation from the Africa Constituency Bureau (ACB) of the Global Fund. The delegation was led by the new Executive Director of the ACB, Dr Henry Fomundam, accompanied by Mr Ranjit Mujumdar, advisor to the ACB. The visit focused on exploring concrete avenues of collaboration to ensure that life-saving innovations emerging from clinical research are rapidly and effectively translated into policy and practice across African countries.

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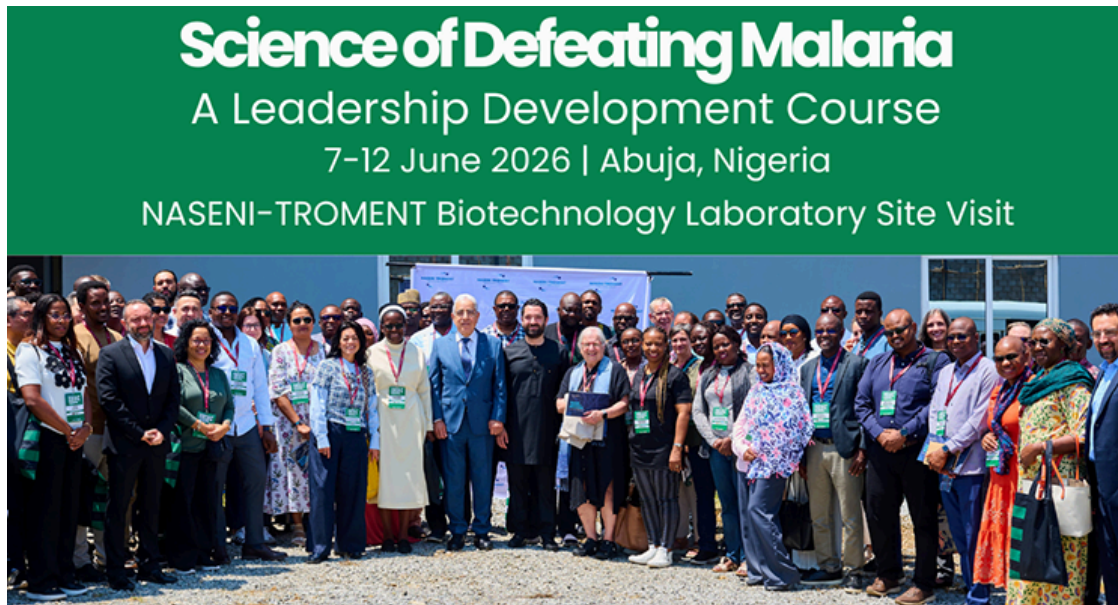


EDCTP Association participates in ICGB Board meeting in Cape Town, strengthening global health collaboration

The EDCTP Association, represented by Dr Thomas Nyirenda and Ms Michelle Nderu, attended the 32nd ICGB Board of Governors meeting in Cape Town, South Africa, on 19-20 May 2026 as observers, underscoring the strong and growing collaboration between

the two organisations. The meeting convened global representatives to advance cooperation in biotechnology, research capacity, and innovation.

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Science of Defeating Malaria: empowering African women leaders

From 7–12 June 2026, Abuja, Nigeria, hosted 65 malaria leaders from 35 countries for the Science of Defeating Malaria: A Leadership Development Course — an intensive weeklong programme equipping mid-career professionals with the skills and networks needed to drive malaria eradication. Dr Olusola Ayoola of the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Health and Nigerian representative at the EDCTP Association General Assembly attended the opening ceremony on behalf of EDCTP and delivered a keynote address.

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Global Health EDCTP3 projects

In this section, you will find news, events and other relevant activities related to Global Health EDCTP3 projects, including those for which the EDCTP Association serves as the Coordinator.

PRESERVE

Preparedness, research and surveillance network for infectious diseases in Central Africa



The PRESERVE Consortium secures funding to strengthen epidemic preparedness and clinical research capacity in Central Africa

The Preparedness, Research and Surveillance Network for Infectious Diseases in Central Africa (PRESERVE) has secured €12.48 million in funding from Global Health EDCTP3 to strengthen epidemic preparedness, clinical research and One Health capacity in Central Africa over the next 60 months. The project builds on more than 15 years of EDCTP-supported networks, including CANTAM, PANDORA-ID-NET and CATCR.

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EDCTP Fellows



Dr Ernest Wandera recognised as Best Oral Presenter at STRI Week 2026

Dr Ernest Wandera (Kenya), EDCTP Career Development Fellow and Research Scientist in the Institute's Innovation and Technology Transfer Division at KEMRI, has been recognised as the Best Oral Presenter during the plenary session of the Science, Technology, Research and Innovation (STRI) Week 2026.

The event, held on 20 May 2026 in Nairobi, Kenya, featured Dr Wandera's presentation on the development of a prototype lateral flow antigen (LFA) test kit for rapid point-of-care diagnosis of COVID-19.

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Behind the scenes at The BMJ: reflections from UCL GBSH Impact Fellows

Fellows of the Impact Fellowship share their experiences after visiting The BMJ's London office to learn how leading medical journalism and scholarly commentary are commissioned, assessed, and produced for global audiences.

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Publications

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 - TRUST project | [A Global Code of Conduct for Equitable Research Partnerships](#)
 - PACTR | [Open access clinical trial registry](#)
 - PAVIA project | [PV strengthening blue-print](#)
 - PREPARED | [Free training materials on research ethics](#)
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Training and funding opportunities

Fogarty African Bioethics Post-Doctoral Fellowship 2027

The Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics (BI), Makerere University College of Health Sciences (MakCHS) and University of Oxford Ethox Centre (Ethox) invite applications for the Fogarty African Bioethics Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program (FAB-PDF) – an 18-month advanced bioethics postdoctoral training program for scholars from sub-Saharan Africa who hold a bioethics-related PhD. The program focuses broadly on global health ethics, with particular opportunities for fellows to concentrate on issues involving global infectious disease ethics and advanced international research ethics. Application deadline: 17 July 2026.

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Mark your calendar

18th World Congress of Bioethics (WCB) of the International Association of Bioethics | 8-10 July 2026

The Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics will host the 18th World Congress of Bioethics (WCB) from 8-10 July 2026 in Johannesburg, South Africa. This marks the first time the Congress is held in Africa, supported by leaders from various African countries through the Congress Africa Committee. The theme is “Comforting and Disturbing Bioethics,” and will include full and short oral presentations, posters, workshops, and panel sessions.

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5th International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA) | 1-5 November 2026

The 5th International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA 2026) will be held from 1–5 November 2026 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Co-hosted by the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and the Government of Ethiopia, this conference will bring together political leaders, policymakers, researchers, innovators, civil

society, and youth. Participants will work to define Africa's pathway to stronger, more resilient health systems and to reducing dependence on foreign aid.

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African Bioethics in Practice: Governance and Responsibility | 24-25 November 2026

The Africa Bioethics Conference 2026 (ABC2026) will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, on 24–25 November 2026 under the theme “African Bioethics in Practice: Governance and Responsibility.” It will address research ethics and governance; health systems and clinical ethics; emerging technologies (AI, genomics, digital health); climate, environment and health ethics; and knowledge production and epistemic justice. Abstracts for oral presentations, workshops, posters and story-circle sessions are invited from all stakeholders, with a submission deadline of 31 July 2026.

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EDCTP Forum 2027 | 5-9 April 2027

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