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News

Leprosy Research Initiative and EDCTP in partnership



The Leprosy Research (LRI) and EDCTP created a partnership to boost leprosy-related research. They aim to leverage resources and pool funds to support clinical and implementation research in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly in relation to leprosy and neglected infectious diseases (NIDs) that are co-endemic with leprosy. The agreement was signed on 12 May 2017.

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New WHO Director General

Congratulations to Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

EDCTP warmly congratulates Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on his election to the office of Director-General of the World Health Organization. Dr Tedros, a former Minister of Health and of Foreign Affairs from Ethiopia, is WHO's first Director General from the African region. In a first reaction, Dr Michael Makanga, EDCTP Executive Director, pointed out "the importance of WHO global health leadership" and commended the ongoing shared efforts to strengthen EDCTP collaboration with WHO's regional office for Africa. Representatives of WHO-AFRO participate as observers in the meetings of EDCTP's governing body, its General Assembly.

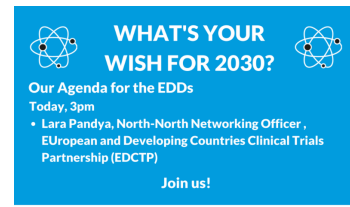


European Development Days 7-8 June 2017

EDCTP at DSW's Imagine 2030 campaign stand

Organised by the European Commission, the European Development Days ([EDD 2017](#)) bring the development community together. This year is the 11th edition.
twitter: [@europeaid](#) hashtag: #EDD17

DSW ([Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung](#)) has a stand in the EDD Global Village (#33) as part of its campaign [Imagine 2030](#) for a world free of poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases. The stand is also an informal 'science hub'. Follow DSW on [@DSW Intl](#)



EDCTP North-North Networking Officer Lara Pandya gave a presentation on EDCTP and its partnership and funding opportunities, in the DSW stand in the afternoon of 7 June 2017 at 3 PM. North-North Networking Officer Dr Magda Moutaftsi also attended the event.

Newly signed grants

Call: EDCTP-TDR Research & Development Fellowship 2015

- Three fellows started their training: Dr Mwaka A. Kakolwa (Tanzania) at GlaxoSmithKline, United Kingdom; Dr Zemsi Kala (Cameroon) at Janssen Pharmaceutica NV, Beerse, Belgium; and Dr Walimbwa (Uganda) at Novartis Institute for Biomedical research (NIBR), Switzerland
[More grant information](#)

Call: Ethics and Regulatory Capacities

- Coast to coast: Transcontinental ethics partnership C2C-TEP in The Gambia
[See also other ethics grants](#)

Call: Career Development Fellowships 2015

- Grant agreements for [six more fellows](#) were recently signed: Dr Admire Chikandiwa (South Africa), Dr Ali Esmail South Africa), Dr Joseph Fokam (Cameroon), Dr Michael Frimpong (Ghana), Dr Marion Sumari de Boer (Tanzania), and Dr Sean Wasserman (South Africa).

Senegal: new health research institute IRESSEF

Senegal will officially launch a new health research institute, the Institut de la recherche en santé, surveillance épidémiologique et de Formation ([IRESSEF](#)) [Institute for Health, Research, Epidemiological Surveillance, and Training] on 19 June 2017.

The institute has the ambition to become a hub for health research, surveillance and training in Africa. The launch will be presided over by the President of Senegal, His Excellency Macky Sall. EDCTP will be represented by its Executive Director, Dr Michael Makanga, who will contribute a speech to the opening session for the launch of the institute.

Connected to the launch is an international symposium from 19-20 June 2017. The symposium will cover 'Building partnerships to advance surveillance responses to disease threats, laboratory quality management systems and access to quality diagnostics, and public health research in Africa'.

On 21 June, the kick-off meeting of WANETAM will take place. WANETAM, the West African Network of Excellence for TB, AIDS and Malaria is one of the original four EDCTP networks created to build capacity for clinical trials on HIV, TB and malaria. The network started its activities on 31 July 2009 and it enters now a new phase. [Michelle Nderu](#), EDCTP Project Officer will attend the kick-off.

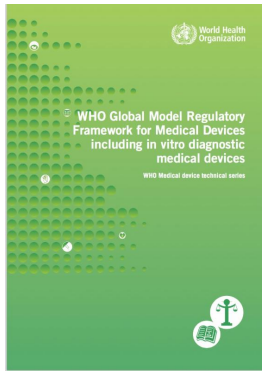
See for a news item in French (Sud Quotidien):

[Sénégal: Institut de recherche en santé \(Iressef\) - Le pays bientôt indépendant](#)

See for a video news item in French (Africa24):

[Sénégal, l'IRESSEF, un institut de recherche sur les pandémies](#)

Recent publications



PREGACT | Michael Nambozi et alii: Artemisinin-based combination therapy in pregnant women in Zambia: efficacy, safety and risk of recurrent malaria, [Malaria Journal](#)

SMAC | Christian N. Nguetse et alii: Molecular markers of anti-malarial drug resistance in Central, West and East African children with severe malaria, [Malaria Journal](#)

WHO | [WHO Global Model Regulatory Framework for Medical Devices including in vitro diagnostic medical devices](#)

The Model recommends guiding principles, harmonised definitions and specifies the attributes of effective and efficient regulation, to be embodied within binding and enforceable law.

Upcoming events

- **12 June 2017 | European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) Summit** | The [meeting in Brussels, Belgium](#), will be Europe's moment of commitment to the [EOSC](#) and generate a number of concrete EOSC Statements for implementation. Commissioner Carlos Moedas (Research and Innovation) will open the event with a speech. Dr Ole Olesen, Director of North-North Cooperation will attend.
- **12-13 June 2017 | TRUST Industry and Funder Stakeholder Workshop** will be held at the Wellcome Trust in London, UK. EDCTP participates in the EU-funded [TRUST](#) project which aims to improve global research ethics governance. Dr Michael Makanga, Executive Director, and Dr Michelle Singh, project officer for EDCTP, will participate.
- **19-21 June 2017 | Official launch of IRESSEF & WANETAM** | On 19 June 2017, Senegal will officially launch the new Institut de la recherche en santé, surveillance épidémiologique et de formation (see separate item above).
- **19-22 June 2017 | BVGH Africa Pavilion at Bio International 2017** | At the [2017 Bio International Convention](#), Bio Ventures for Global Health will host for the 3rd time its [Africa Pavilion](#) bringing African institutions to the bio research and industry event in San Diego, CA, USA. The Africa Pavilion (booth #243) will showcase the innovations and life science capabilities of African research organisations and provides networking opportunities for African country delegations. Several EDCTP Networks of Excellence will be represented.
- **27-28 June 2017 | WHO Africa Health Forum** | WHO Africa Region will organise the [first WHO Afro Health Forum](#) in Kigali, Rwanda. Dr Michael Makanga will deliver a key note speech. Under the theme of "Putting People First: The Road to Universal Health Coverage in Africa", the two-day event will deliberate on improving health security, progress towards equity and Universal Health Coverage (UHC), and the unfinished agenda of communicable diseases. See Concept note [here](#).
- **30 June 2017 | Réunion d'information sur EDCTP2 - Information day on EDCTP** | Le Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche et de l'Innovation (MESRI) et Aviesan Sud organisent [une demi-journée d'information sur EDCTP2](#), le 30 juin 2017 à Paris. The Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation and Aviesan Sud will organise an information day on EDCTP2 at the ministry in Paris on 30 June, 9:30-14:00h. Programme in French [here](#). EDCTP will be represented by [Dr Michael Makanga](#), EDCTP Executive Director, [Prof. Marcel Tanner](#), EDCTP High Representative and [Dr Ole Olesen](#), Director of North North Cooperation.

Recent events

- **19-21 April 2017 | 4th National Congress on Tropical Medicine** | From 19-21 April 2017, the 4th National Congress on Tropical Medicine took place in Lisbon, Portugal. Over 300 participants came from all African Portuguese-speaking countries and Brazil to

present research results on HIV, TB and other infectious diseases. The conference was attended by [Ana Lucia Cardoso](#), who also gave a presentation on EDCTP.

- **April 2017 | Angola visit | [Dr Leonardo Simão](#)**, the EDCTP High Representative South, visited Angola to discuss opportunities in Angola for collaboration with EDCTP. Among others, he visited the Angola Centre for Health Research (CISA). [From the CISA website](#): 'Leonardo Simão affirmed that he would like "Angola to become part of EDCTP in order to boost and strengthen the coverage of this region and because the program was set up to support African countries" before then emphasising the need for African countries to invest in research fields such as scientific production" / "Leonardo Simão afirmou que gostaria que "Angola fizesse parte do EDCTP, para ajudar a reforçar o mapa nesta região e porque o programa foi criado para apoiar países africanos" e frisou as necessidades dos países africanos no investimento na área da investigação, como a produção científica".
- **10-12 May 2017 | Third WHO Global Forum on Medical Devices** | Dr The conference aimed among other objectives to share evidence of best practices in regulating, assessment and management of medical devices; to demonstrate development and use of innovative appropriate affordable technologies to respond to global health priorities; and to share WHO tools and guidelines on medical devices for better implementation. [Dr Anne-Laure Knellwolf](#) attended the [conference](#) in Geneva, Switzerland, on behalf of EDCTP.
- **11 May 2017 | High-Level meeting on TB and European Health Security** | The Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport of the Netherlands and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development of France organised a high-level meeting on "TB and European Health Security: The critical role of TB R&D in the context of AMR [Antimicrobial Resistance]" DR Michael Makanga, EDCTP Executive Director, highlighted EDCTP's contribution towards TB R&D in the context of AMR. [Dr Ole Olesen](#), Director of North-North Cooperation participated in the meeting as well.
- **16-17 May 2017 | ISNTD d3 2017** | The International Society for Neglected Tropical Diseases (ISNTD) held its d3 (diagnostics, drug discovery & development conference) At the Wellcome Trust in London, UK. [Dr Magda Moutaftsi](#) gave a presentation on EDCTP.
- **16-19 May 2017 | 11th INTEREST Workshop** | The Interest Workshops are organised by the [Amsterdam Institute for Global health and Development \(AIGHD\)](#). The 11th workshop took place in Lilongwe Malawi, from 16-19 May 2017. [More on the Interest website](#). For EDCTP, [Dr Gabrielle Breugelmans](#) participated in the meeting. On 18 May 2017, she delivered a workshop on the application process for EDCTP grants, which was attended by 40 participants.
- **16-19 May 2017 | EDCTP country visit to Malawi** | [Dr Ole Olesen](#), EDCTP Director of North-North Cooperation, [Dr Thomas Nyirenda](#), and [Dr Gabrielle Breugelmans](#) visited several organisations in Malawi. The aim of EDCTP country visits is to review EDCTP projects and investments and to discuss further opportunities for collaboration.
- **23-24 May 2017 | IMPROVE project annual meeting** | The [IMPROVE project](#) - IPTp with dihydroartemisinin-piperazine and azithromycin for malaria, sexually transmitted and reproductive tract infections in pregnancy in high sulphadoxine-pyrimethamine resistance areas in Kenya, Malawi, and Tanzania - held its annual meeting. Project coordinator is Prof. Feiko ter Kuile (Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine). EDCTP project officer for IMPROVE is [Dr Montserrat Blazquez-Domingo](#).

Pasteur Institute - Sanofi Awards 2017

The [call for nominations for the Sanofi - Institut Pasteur Awards 2017](#) is open till 23 of July 2017. Created in 2012, the Sanofi - Institut Pasteur awards honour international scientists whose outstanding research in life sciences contributes to progress in global public health. Scientists are invited to submit their nominations in the 2 following fields: Immunology, and Microbiology & Infection.

Prix Sanofi - Institut Pasteur 2017 | [Appel à candidatures ouvert jusqu'au 23 juillet 2017](#). Créés en 2012, les Prix Sanofi-Institut Pasteur récompensent chaque année des chercheurs d'envergure internationale pour l'excellence de leurs travaux dans les sciences du vivant contribuant ainsi à faire progresser la santé publique mondiale. Les chercheurs sont invités à soumettre leur candidature parmi les deux thématiques de recherches suivantes :

Immunologie et Microbiologie & Infection.

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