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## Summary of decisions and actions from the EDCTP Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting of 18 & 19 September 2019

Date and time: Wednesday, 18 September 2019, 08:30-18:00 hours

Thursday, 19 September 2019, 09:00-17:00 hours

Venue: Marriott Hotel, Liverpool, United Kingdom

### MEETING PARTICIPANTS

#### Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members present:

Richard Adegbola (SAC-RA)  
Christine Stabell Benn (SAC-CSB)  
Christian Burri (SAC-CB)  
Paulo Ferrinho (SAC-PF)  
Harleen Grewal (SAC-HG)  
John Gyapong (SAC Vice-Chair) (SAC-JG)  
Catherine Hankins (SAC Chair) (SAC-CH), *Chairperson*  
Collen Masimirembwa (SAC-CM)  
Martin Meremikwu (SAC-MM)  
Keymanthri Moodley (SAC-KM)  
Juliet Nabyonga-Orem (SAC-JN)  
Michael Ramharter (SAC-MR)  
Jutta Reinhard-Rupp (SAC-JR)  
Peter Smith (SAC Vice-Chair) (SAC-PS)

#### Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members apologies:

Eric Delaporte (SAC-ED)  
Marleen Temmerman (SAC-MT)  
Halidou Tinto (SAC-HT)

#### Scientific Advisory Committee Observers present:

Joseph Okeibunor, WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO-JO)  
John Reeder, WHO HQ (WHO-JR)  
Morven Roberts, EDCTP Board Member/GA Representative (GA-MR)

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**EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:**

Pauline Beattie, Operations Manager (SEC-PB)  
Moses Bockarie, Director of International Cooperation Africa (SEC-MBo)  
Hannah Hoffenkamp, Executive Governance Officer (SEC-HH)  
Michael Makanga, Executive Director (SEC-MM)  
Thomas Nyirenda, Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Development Manager (SEC-TN)  
Ole Olesen, Director of International Cooperation Europe (SEC-OO)  
Lara Pandya, Strategic Partnerships Officer (SEC-LP)

**SUMMARY OF DECISIONS AND ACTION POINTS**

#	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS AND ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1.4	Approval of the agenda	<b>DECISION:</b> The agenda of the SAC meeting of 18-19 September 2019 was approved.		
1.6	Approval of the minutes of the SAC meeting of 21 May 2019	<b>DECISION:</b> The minutes of the SAC meeting of 21 May 2019 were approved.		
3.2	Update from WHO Global Health	<b>ACTION:</b> WHO-JR to assist in access to WHO priority lists (including the NTD roadmap 2020-2030), to help in prioritizing the research and development of interventions.	WHO-JR and SEC	SAC meeting April 2020
7.1	Update to the Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) 2020	<b>ACTION:</b> SAC subgroups and SEC to review and finalise the draft SRA 2020.	SAC subgroups and SEC	30 September 2019
		<b>ACTION:</b> SAC, SEC, WHO to discuss international standards in research ethics review.	SAC, SEC and WHO-JR	2020
8.1	Adaptive trials and portfolio funding	<b>ACTION:</b> SEC to explore the option of setting up an oversight committee for adaptive trials with multiple arms and for portfolio funding grants.	SEC	SAC meeting April 2020



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10.1	Addressing gender issues in EDCTP research funding	<b>DECISION:</b> SAC WG on Gender was established (with SAC-CH, SAC-KM and SAC-CSB).		
		<b>ACTION:</b> SAC WG on Gender to evaluate how EDCTP could better address sex and gender in EDCTP research and capacity development.	SAC WG on Gender	SAC meeting April 2020
14.1	Preparations for the EDCTP Forum 2020	<b>ACTION:</b> SAC to send input for the scientific programme for the 10th EDCTP Forum to SAC-CH.	SAC	Q4 2019 – Q1 2020
16.1	SAC Annual Report 2019	<b>ACTION:</b> SAC to review the SAC Annual Report 2019 and add relevant items.	SAC	30 September 2019
16.2	SAC Work Plan 2020	<b>ACTION:</b> SAC to review the SAC Work Plan 2020 and add relevant items.	SAC	30 September 2019
17.1	Dates for 2020 SAC meetings	<b>DECISION:</b> The SAC meetings for 2020 are scheduled to be held on: - 23-24 April 2020 in The Hague, The Netherlands. - 16 October 2020 in Maputo, Mozambique (before the start of the EDCTP Forum which will be held from 18-21 October 2020 in Maputo, Mozambique).		
18.1	Any other business (AOB)	<b>ACTION:</b> To seek information from WHO about the GAS vaccine strategy.	SAC, SEC and WHO-JR/WHO-JO	SAC meeting April 2020
		<b>ACTION:</b> To develop a tool that could be used to objectively evaluate proposals from lobby groups to expand EDCTP's disease remit.	SEC	2020
		<b>DECISION:</b> SAC WG on Industry and Preparatory Fellowships was established (with SAC-JR, SAC-CB and SAC-JG).		
		<b>ACTION:</b> SAC WG on Industry and Preparatory Fellowships to evaluate whether the schemes can be re-formulated, simplified, and made more effective.	SAC WG Industry and Preparatory Fellowships	SAC meeting April 2020