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Teleconference - 14:00-15:30 CET

## Minutes of the EDCTP Association Board meeting by teleconference on 27 March 2020, 14:00-15:30 CET

### Participants

#### **EDCTP Association Board Members present:**

Yazdan Yazdanpanah (YY) – Board Chair - *Chairperson*

Christiane Druml (CD) – Board Vice-Chair

Jeffrey Mphahlele (JM) – Board Vice-Chair

Andrea Spelberg (AS) – Board Member

Godfrey Biemba (GB) – Board Member

#### **Observers present:**

Inmaculada Peñas-Jiménez (IPJ) – Observer European Commission (EC)

Hannu Laang (HL) – Observer European Commission (EC)

Catherine Hankins (CH) – Observer Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

#### **EDCTP Secretariat present:**

Michael Makanga (MM) – Executive Director

Hannah Hoffenkamp (HH) – Executive Governance Officer



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<b>SUMMARY OF DECISIONS AND ACTION POINTS</b>		
<b>#</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DECISIONS AND ACTIONS</b>
1.1	Minutes of the Board teleconference held on 12 December 2019	<b>DECISION:</b> The Board approved the minutes of the Board teleconference held on 12 December 2019.
2.1	Update and discussion on the COVID-19 situation, its impact on EDCTP activities, and current/planned response	<b>ACTION:</b> Monitor the impact of COVID-19 on the implementation and effective completion of EDCTP2 grants.
3.4	Approval of application and update on Audit Committee membership	<b>DECISION:</b> The Board approved the appointment of Ms Shaila Hari as new member of the Audit Committee.
3.7	Negative Interest imposed by Banks in the Netherlands	<b>ACTION:</b> SEC, EC and PSs to discuss measures to reduce the impact of negative interest imposed by Banks in the Netherlands on EDCTP's account balance.
4.1	Approval of the 2020 Work Plan	<b>DECISION:</b> The Board approved the EDCTP2 annual Work Plan for 2020.
4.2	Review and approval of the emergency response call	<b>ACTION:</b> SEC to follow up with the EC DG DEVCO and RTD to coordinate the COVID-19 activities with Africa CDC. <b>DECISION:</b> The Board approved the COVID-19 emergency call for proposals 'Mobilisation of funding for COVID-19 research in sub-Saharan Africa'.
5.1	Preparation for the upcoming virtual meeting of the GA on 8-9 June 2020	<b>ACTION:</b> SEC to compress the GA meeting agenda to a half-day virtual meeting. SEC to discuss the content and timing of the session on the candidate EDCTP3/GHP programme (including also the GHP representatives) with the EC.
6.1	Discussion and decision on the Tenth EDCTP Forum (scheduled for 18-21 October 2020 in	<b>DECISION:</b> The Board decided to postpone by one year the planned Tenth EDCTP Forum, which was initially scheduled to take place from 18-21 October 2020 in Mozambique. The Forum is to be held in the same venue in 2021 and EDCTP is to maintain the biennial rhythm (to hold the following forum in 2023 instead of 2022).



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	Mozambique) in the context of the current COVID-19 situation	
10.1	Expert panel funding recommendations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- RIA2019S</li><li>- TMA2019PF</li><li>- TMA2019CDF</li><li>- CSA2019ERC</li></ul>	<b>DECISION:</b> The Board approved the expert panel funding recommendations for the RIA2019S Call for Proposals. <b>DECISION:</b> The Board approved the expert panel funding recommendations for the TMA2019PF Call for Proposals. <b>DECISION:</b> The Board approved the expert panel funding recommendations for the TMA2019CDF Call for Proposals. <b>DECISION:</b> The Board approved the expert panel funding recommendations for the CSA2019ERC Call for Proposals.