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Minutes from the virtual meeting of the EDCTP General Assembly (GA) of 8 June 2020

Date and time: Monday, 8 June 2020, 13:00-17:00 hours CEST

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

General Assembly (GA) Representatives present:

Angola (Aspirant Member) (AO)
Austria (AT)
Burkina Faso (BF)
Congo (CG)
Denmark (DK)
Ethiopia (ET)
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Finland (FI)
France (FR)
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Gabon (GA)
The Gambia (GM)
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Ghana (GH)
Germany (DE)
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Ireland (IE)
Italy (IT)
Luxembourg (LU)
Mali (ML)
Mozambique (MZ)
Niger (NE)
Nigeria (NG)
The Netherlands (NL)
The Netherlands (NL)
Norway (NO)
Senegal (SN)
South Africa (ZA)

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Ebba Abate (ET-EA)
Sirpa Nuotio (FI-SN)
Yazdan Yazdanpanah (EDCTP Board Chair) (FR-YY), *Chairperson*
Virginie Sivan (FR-VS)
Juliette Saillard (Technical Advisor) (FR-JS)
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Abbreviations:

Africa CDC - Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
BMGF - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
COVID-19 - COrona Vlrus Disease 2019
CSA - Coordination & Support Action
DG DEVCO – Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation
EC – European Commission
EU – European Union
GA – General Assembly
GloPID-R - Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness
GPH - EU-Africa Global Health Partnership (EDCTP3)
HR – High Representative
ICT - Information and Communication Technology
PS – Participating State
PSIA – Participating State Initiated Activity
RIA – Research & Innovation Action
SAC – Scientific Advisory Committee
SARS-CoV-2 - Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2
SEC – EDCTP Secretariat
SRIA - Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda
SSA - Sub-Saharan Africa
TMA - Training & Mobility Action
WG – Working group
WHO – World Health Organization



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Sweden (SE)
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Switzerland (Aspirant Member) (CH)
Tanzania (TZ)
Uganda (UG)
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United Kingdom (UK)
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Zambia (ZM)
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General Assembly (GA) apologies:

Cameroon (CM)
Portugal (PT) - *voted on the approval items in advance of the meeting*

General Assembly Observers present:

European Commission (EC)
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European Commission (EC)
Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:

Director of Finance & Administration (SEC)
Operations Manager (SEC)
Ethics and regulatory affairs technical adviser (secondment)
Director of International Cooperation Africa (SEC)
Executive Governance Officer (SEC)
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Executive Director (SEC)
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Steffi Sowinski (EC-SS)
Hannu Laang (EC HL)
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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 8 June 2020 was approved.		
1.5	Approval of the minutes of the GA meeting of 13-14 November 2019	DECISION: The minutes of the GA meeting of 13-14 November 2019 were approved.		
2.1	Update and discussion on the COVID-19 situation, its impact on EDCTP activities, and current/planned response	ACTION: Continue pursuing additional Member States funding for the COVID-19 Emergency response Call for Proposals. ACTION: Establish Working Group on Community Engagement with the HRs, GA and SAC members, to focus on involvement of communities in the design, delivery, and dissemination of EDCTP-funded research.	GA and SEC WG SAC, GA, HRs	ASAP 2020
3.3	EDCTP Annual Report 2019	DECISION: The EDCTP Annual Report 2019 was approved.		
3.4	Annual statutory accounts 2019	DECISIONS: • The annual statutory accounts for 2019 were approved. • Re-appointment of the independent auditor EY for one year was approved.		
4.1	Multi-annual declaration of liability for EDCTP2	ACTION: European PSs to provide an update to the SEC on their ability to sign the EDCTP2 declaration of liability.	GA and SEC	July 2020
5.2	SAC update on SRIA	ACTION: GA to send feedback on the GHP/EDCTP3 draft SRIA (section emerging/re-emerging infectious diseases) to SAC-CH and FR-YY.	GA	Q2-Q3 2020