

# Minutes of the EDCTP Association Board meeting by teleconference on 15 November 2021, 14:00-15:30 CET

### **Participants**

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

Yazdan Yazdanpanah (YY) – Board Chair Christiane Druml (CD) – Board Vice-Chair Jeffrey Mphahlele (JM) – Board Vice-Chair Godfrey Biemba (GB) – Board Member

Andrea Spelberg (AS) – Board Member Abdoulaye Djimdé, (AD) – Board Member

#### **Observers present:**

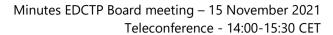
Inmaculada Peñas-Jiménez (IPJ) – European Commission (EC) Catherine Hankins (CH) – Chair Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

## **EDCTP Secretariat present:**

Michael Makanga (MM) – Executive Director Lara Pandya (LP) – Senior Strategic Partnerships Officer Isabel Reis (IR) – Executive Governance Officer



SUMMARY OF DECISIONS AND ACTION POINTS				
#	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS AND ACTIONS	ACTION BY	
1.1	Minutes of the Board meeting held on 16 September 2021	<b>DECISION</b> : The Board approved the minutes of the Board meeting held on 16 September 2021.		
2.2	Impact of COVID-19 on EDCTP activities and response	<b>ACTION</b> : EC is notified for feedback of the placement of the two EDCTP2 industry fellowship candidates to Pfizer USA, in light of the Delegation Agreement and deviation from the call text to anticipate eventual subsequent audit queries.	EC	
3.0	Extension of SAC member contracts	<b>DECISION:</b> The Board approved the extension of the contracts of seven SAC members whose first term is due to expire on 01 January 2022. Additionally, the Board approved an exceptional 6-month transitional contract extension for two SAC members whose second term is due to expire on 30 June 2022.		
4.1	Feedback on the Tenth EDCTP Forum – best practices and lessons learned	<b>ACTION</b> : Board members to send any suggestions on best practices and lessons learned regarding the Tenth EDCTP Forum to the SEC (LP).	Board	
5.2	Action points from the GA of 15 October 2021	<b>ACTION</b> : SEC (LP) to compile all questions received by the GA members in response to the request for letters of commitment to the EDCTP Association in relation to Global Health EDCTP3, and circulate them to the Board.	SEC	
5.3	Update from EDCTP Association Working Group on GH EDCTP3	<b>ACTION</b> : EC to send a request for letters of commitment to other EU Member States who are not members of the EDCTP Association. Reponses should be received by 26 November 2021.	EC	
		<b>ACTION</b> : SEC to send a request for letters of commitment to African countries that are not EDCTP Association members yet but have expressed their interest in joining. Reponses to be received by 26 November 2021.	SEC	





		<b>ACTION</b> : SEC to invite all GA members to send nominations for the pre-selection committee for the Executive Director of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking.	SEC
		<b>DECISION</b> : The Board decided to delegate power of attorney to the EDCTP Executive Director (MM) for implementing the amendments to the EDCTP Articles of Association with the Dutch notary.	MM
6.1	Any other business	<b>ACTION:</b> SAC Annual Report 2021 and Work Plan 2022 to be shared for Board approval by written procedure, on behalf of the GA.	SEC