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Minutes from the virtual meeting of the EDCTP General Assembly (GA) of 15 October 2021

Date and time: Friday, 15 October 2021, 13:00-17:00 hours CEST

MEETING PARTICIPANTS		
General Assembly (GA) Representatives present:		
Austria (AT)	Christiane Druml (EDCTP Board Member) (AT-CD)	Abbreviations: AACHRD - African Advisory Committee for Research and Development ACT - Access to COVID-19 Tools ACT-A-Dx - Accelerator Diagnostics Pillar Africa CDC - Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention AIGHD - Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development AU – African Union ALERRT - African coalition for Epidemic Research, Response and Training AVAREF - African Vaccine Regulatory Forum BMGF - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation BRCCH - Botnar Research Centre for Child Health CEPI - Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations CONCVACT - Consortium for COVID-19 Vaccine Trials COVAX - the vaccines pillar of the ACT Accelerator COVID-19 - Corona Virus Disease 2019 DNDi - Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative EC – European Commission FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions FB - Fondation Botnar FIND - Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics GA – General Assembly GloPID-R - Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness GF – the Global Fund GMP - Global Malaria Program GPH - EU-Africa Global Health Partnership (EDCTP3)
Austria (AT)	Elisabeth Tischelmayer (Technical Advisor) (AT-ET)	
Burkina Faso (BF)	Ali Sie (BF-AS)	
Denmark (DK)	Mikkel Lyndrup (DK-ML)	
Ethiopia (ET)	Alemseged Abdissa (ET-AG)	
Finland (FI)	Sirpa Nuotio (FI-SN)	
France (FR)	Yazdan Yazdanpanah (EDCTP Board Chair) (FR-YY), <i>Chairperson</i>	
France (FR)	Virginie Sivan (FR-VS)	
France (FR)	Xyomara Chavez (Technical Advisor) (FR-XC)	
Gabon (GA)	Ayola Akim Adegnikia (GA-AA)	
Germany (DE)	Andrea Spelberg (EDCTP Board Member) (DE-AS)	
Germany (DE)	Detlef Böcking (DE-DB)	
Germany (DE)	Anne Schmöle (Technical Advisor) (DE-AS)	
Germany (DE)	Henning Gädeke (Technical Advisor)	
Ghana (GH)	Abraham Oduro (GH-AO)	
Ireland (IE)	David Weakliam (IE-DW)	
Italy (IT)	Pietro Alano (IT-PA) (Technical Advisor) (DE-PA)	
Italy (IT)	Aldo Covello (Technical Advisor) (IT-PA)	
Mali (ML)	Abdoulaye Djimé (ML-AD)	
Mozambique (MZ)	Ilesh Jani (MZ-IJ)	
The Netherlands (NL)	Gerrie Tuitert (NL-GT)	
The Netherlands (NL)	Lander van Ommen (NL-LO)	
Nigeria (NG)	Godwin Brooks (NG-GB)	
Norway (NO)	Karine Kålsås (NO-KK)	
Portugal (PT)	Anabela Isidro (PT-AI)	
South Africa (ZA)	Jeffrey Mphahlele (EDCTP Board Vice-Chair) (ZA-JM)	
South Africa (ZA)	Vinny Pillay (ZA-VP)	
South Africa (ZA)	Andiswa Zitho (EDCTP Project Coordinator) (ZA-AZ)	
Spain (ES)	Tomás López-Peña Ordoñez (ES-TL)	
Sweden (SE)	Markus Moll (SE-MM)	
Sweden (SE)	Maria-Tesera Bejarano (Technical Advisor) (SE-MB)	


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Switzerland (Aspirant Member) (CH)

Uganda (UG)

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United Kingdom (UK)

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Zambia (ZM)

General Assembly (GA) apologies:

Angola (Aspirant Member) (AO)

Cameroon (CM)

Congo (CG)

The Gambia (GM)

Luxembourg (LU)

Niger (NE)

Senegal (SN)

Tanzania (TZ)

General Assembly Observers present:

European Commission (EC)

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WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO-AFRO)

Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

Michael Kaeser (CH-MK)

Sam Okware (UG-SO)

Pontiano Kaleebu (UG-PK)

Mark Palmer (UK-MP)

Samia Majid (Technical Advisor) (UK-SM)

Nkandu Luo (ZM-NL)

Barbara Kerstiens (EC-BK)

Inmaculada Peñas-Jiménez (EC-IPJ)

Stefanie Sowinski (EC-SS)

Elmar Nimmesgern (EC-EN)

Amalia Vlad (EC-AV)

Joseph Okeibunor (WHO-JO)

Catherine Hankins (SAC Chair) (SAC-CH)

EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:

Executive Director (SEC)

Director of Finance & Administration (SEC)

Operations Manager (SEC)

Director of International Cooperation Africa (SEC)

Legal Officer (SEC)

Technical Advisor R&D (secondment)

Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Dev. Manager (SEC)

Strategic Partnerships Officer (SEC)

High Representative Africa (SEC)

High Representative Europe (SEC)

Executive Governance Officer (SEC)

Michael Makanga (SEC-MM)

Abdoulie Barry (SEC-AB)

Pauline Beattie (SEC-PB)

Moses Bockarie (SEC-MBo)

Louwrens Kiestra (SEC-LK)

Anthony Man (SEC-AM)

Thomas Nyirenda (SEC-TN)

Lara Pandya (SEC-LP)

Leonardo Simão (SEC-LS)

Marcel Tanner (SEC-MT)

Isabel Reis (SEC-IR)

HR – High Representative

JU – Joint Undertaking

MMV - Medicines for Malaria Venture

NHRS - National Health Research System

PANDORA-ID-NET - Pan-African Network for Rapid

R&D - Research and Development

Research, Response, Relief and Preparedness for Infectious Diseases Epidemics

PDP - Product Development Partnership

PPE - Personal Protective Equipment

PRDs - Poverty-related diseases

PS – Participating State

PSIA – Participating State Initiated Activity

SAC – Scientific Advisory Committee

SEC – EDCTP Secretariat

SRIA - Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

SSA - Sub-Saharan Africa

UKCDR - UK Collaborative on Development Research

WHO – World Health Organization

WHO-AFRO - World Health Organization – Regional Office for Africa.



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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 15 October 2021 was approved.		
1.5	Approval of the minutes of the GA meeting of 28 May 2020	DECISION: The minutes of the GA meeting of 28 May 2021 were approved.		
2.3	Impact of COVID-19 on EDCTP activities and response	ACTION: EC-IPJ to elaborate details on whether there was any mechanism by which the €400 million de-committed from Horizon 2020 could be used to support these grants, where there is an ethical obligation to continue funding.	EC	DONE
3.1	Update from High Representative Europe	DECISION: The HR Europe Annual Report 2021 and Work Plan 2022 was approved.		
3.2	Update from High Representative Africa	DECISION: The HR Africa Annual Report 2021 and Work Plan 2022 was approved.		
7.2.3	Administrative costs	DECISION: It was agreed that the cash contributions for the administrative costs of the EDCTP Association would not only be based on country GDP, but on a mixture of fixed contributions (40%) to be paid equally by all Members of the respective group (European or African) and a part (60%) which will be calculated according to the Member State's GDP. African members shall cover 10% and European members shall cover 90% of the cash contributions for the administrative costs.		



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7.2.4	SRIA and proposed call topics	<p>DECISION: The GA endorsed the SRIA, with the inclusion of Group A Streptococcus, and to postpone a decision on the inclusion of scabies until 2022.</p> <p>DECISION: The GA endorsed the proposed two call topics for the GH EDCTP3 work plan 2022.</p>		
7.2.5	Membership requirements for EDCTP Association	<p>DECISION: A total of 16 countries (Austria, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Italy, Mali, Mozambique, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, Uganda and United Kingdom) approved the admission of Côte d'Ivoire and Kenya as EDCTP Association Members.</p> <p>ACTION: SEC to follow up with all remaining GA Members by written procedure to secure unanimous approval.</p>	SEC	ASAP