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Minutes of the EDCTP SAC meeting of 11-12 May 2021
Virtual meeting through Zoom

Minutes from the virtual meeting of the EDCTP Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of 11-12 May 2021

Date and time: Tuesday, 11 May, 13:00-17:00 hours CEST
Wednesday, 12 May, 13:00-17:00 hours CEST

MEETING PARTICIPANTS	
Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members present:	Abbreviations:
Catherine Hankins (SAC Chair) (SAC-CH), <i>Chairperson</i> Christian Burri (SAC-CB) Christine Stabell Benn (SAC-CSB) Collen Masimirembwa (SAC-CM) Eric Delaporte (SAC-ED) Halidou Tinto (SAC-HT) Harleen Grewal (SAC-HG) John Gyapong (SAC Vice-Chair) (SAC-JG) Juliet Nabyonga-Orem (SAC-JN) Jutta Reinhard-Rupp (SAC-JR) Keymanthri Moodley (SAC-KM) Marleen Temmerman (SAC-MT) Martin Meremikwu (SAC-MM) Michael Ramharter (SAC-MR) Paulo Ferrinho (SAC-PF) Peter Smith (SAC Vice-Chair) (SAC-PS) Richard Adegbola (SAC-RA)	ACT-A – Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator Africa CDC - Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention ALERRT - African coalItion for Epidemic Research, Response and Training AMQF - African Medicines Quality Forum AMR - Antimicrobial resistance AMRH - African Medicines Regulatory Harmonization AREF - Africa Research Excellence Fund ARV - antiretroviral drugs AU – African Union AUDA – African Union Development Agency (new name for NEPAD) AVAREF - African Vaccine Regulatory Forum BCG - Bacillus Calmette–Guérin BRCCCH - Botnar Research Centre for Child Health CEPI - Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations CONCVACT - Consortium for COVID-19 vaccine trials COVID-19 - Coronavirus Disease 2019 CSA - Coordination & Support Action CTA – Clinical Trials Authorisation DALYs - disability-adjusted life years DD – Diarrhoeal disease DFID – UK Department for International Development DRA - Drug Regulatory Authorities DRC – Democratic Republic of the Congo DTA – data transfer agreements EBI - European Bioinformatics Institute EC – European Commission ECDC - European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ED – Executive Director EMBL - European Molecular Biology Laboratory
Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Observers present:	
Elmar Nimmesgern, European Commission (EC-EN) Inmaculada Peñas-Jiménez, European Commission (EC-IPJ) John Reeder, World Health Organization HQ (WHO-JR) Joseph Okeibunor, WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO-JO) Julia Molto-Lopez, European Commission (EC-JM) Margareth Ndomondo-Sigonda, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD) (MNS) <i>*present for agenda item 11</i> Stefanie Sowinski, European Commission (EC-SS)	

<p>EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:</p>	
<p>Ana Lúcia Weinberg, Senior Strategic Partnerships Officer (SEC-ALW) Anthony Man, Technical Advisor R&D (secondment) (SEC-AM) Dominika Jajkovicz, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer (SEC-DJ) Erika Gaspari, Project Officer (SEC-EG) Jean Marie Vianney Habarugira, Senior Project Officer (SEC-JMH) Johanna Roth, Project Officer (SEC-JR) Johanna Schaefer, Project Officer (SEC-JS) Lara Pandya, Senior Strategic Partnerships Officer (SEC-LP) Leonardo Simão, High Representative Africa (SEC-LS) Marcel Tanner, High Representative Europe (SEC-MT) Michael Makanga, Executive Director (SEC-MM) Michelle Helinski, Senior Project Officer (SEC-MH) Michelle Nderu, Project Officer (SEC-MN) Michelle Singh, Project Officer (SEC-MS) Montserrat Blázquez-Domingo, Senior Project Officer (SEC-MB) Moses Bockarie, Director of International Cooperation Africa (SEC-MBo) Nuraan Fakier, Project Officer (SEC-NF) Pauline Beattie, Operations Manager (SEC-PB) Shingai Machingaidze, Project Officer (SEC-SM) Thomas Nyirenda, Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Development Manager (SEC-TN)</p>	<p>ETEC - Enterotoxigenic Escherichia coli EU – European Union FIND – Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics GA – General Assembly GAS - Group A streptococcus GCLP - Good Clinical Laboratory Practice GCP - Good Clinical Practice GLASS - WHO Global Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance System GloPID-R - Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness HERA - Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority HIC – High Income Countries HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus ISARIC - International Severe Acute Respiratory and Emerging Infection Consortium ISO - International Organization for Standardization ITRE – European Parliament Committee on Industry, Research and Energy IVI - International Vaccine Institute LIC – Low Income Countries LMIC - Low- and Middle-Income Countries LRTI - Lower Respiratory Tract Infections LSD - less severe diarrhoea MDA – Mass drug administration MOOC - Massive Open Online Courses MoU – Memorandum of Understanding mRNA - Messenger ribonucleic acid MTA - Material transfer agreements MSD - Moderately severe diarrhoea NCDs – Non-communicable diseases NEC - National Ethics Committees NEPAD - New Partnership for Africa's Development (renamed AUDA) NGS - next generation sequencing NHRS – National Health Research Systems NIDs – Neglected Infectious Diseases NoE – Network of Excellence NPHI - National Public Health Institutes NRA - National Regulatory Agencies PANDORA-ID-NET - Pan-African Network For Rapid Research, Response, Relief and Preparedness for Infectious Disease Epidemics PCV - Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine PDP – Product Development Partnership PPES – Personal protective equipment PSIA – Participating States Initiated Activities</p>

PV - Pharmacovigilance
RCORE - Regional Centres of Regulatory Excellence
REC - Research Ethics Committees
RIA – Research & Innovation Action
RIO – Research Integrity Officers
RSV - Respiratory Syncytial Virus
RWP – Research Working Party
R&D - Research and development
SAC – Scientific Advisory Committee
SADC - Southern African Development Community
SARS-CoV-2 - Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2
SEC – EDCTP Secretariat
SMEs - Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
SRA – Strategic Research Agenda
SRIA – Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda
SSA - Sub-Saharan Africa
TB - Tuberculosis
TDR - Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases
TMA – Training & Mobility Action
UK - United Kingdom
UKCDR - UK Collaborative on Development Research
URTI - Upper Respiratory Tract Infection
WG – Working group
WGCE – Working Group on Community Engagement
WHO – World Health Organization

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 SAC meeting of 11-12 May 2021 was approved.	SAC	11 May 2021
1.4	Approval of the minutes of the SAC meeting of 16 October 2020	DECISION: The minutes of the SAC meeting of 16 October 2020 were approved.	SAC	11 May 2021
3.1.1	WHO update including overview of the ACT-Accelerator Partnership	ACTION: Consider adding an agenda item for presentation of the WHO Science Division strategy by WHO-JR at the next SAC meeting.	SEC	October 2021
10.2	SAC's role at the Tenth EDCTP Forum: request for volunteers	ACTION: SAC members to share suggestions for the Forum with SAC-CH/SEC, including areas where they volunteer to contribute.	SAC	May 2021
12.2	Presentation of priorities for EDCTP SRA in 2021-2022	ACTIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEC to add amounts of awards and project phase in SRA. • Add 'burden of disease' as part of the framework/fundamental questions to assess if certain diseases should be covered by EDCTP: <i>Does this disease disproportionately affect people in sub-Saharan Africa and what is the burden of disease?</i> • SAC members to make edits to the EDCTP2 SRA with their recommendations for 2021-2022 and share updated versions with the SEC. • SEC to conduct a scoping exercise in relation to Group A streptococcus to inform future SAC discussions and a final decision on whether it should be included as a disease to be covered by EDCTP. 	SEC SEC SEC SEC	October 2021 May 2021 ASAP October 2021