

Minutes from the virtual meeting of the EDCTP Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)
Wednesday, 13 October 2021, 13:00-17:00 CEST
Thursday, 14 October 2021, 14:30-17:00 CEST

MEETING PARTICIPANTS	
<p>Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members present:</p> <p>Richard Adegbola (SAC-RA) Christine Stabell Benn (SAC-CSB) Christian Burri (SAC-CB) Paulo Ferrinho (SAC-PF) Harleen Grewal (SAC-HG) John Gyapong (SAC Vice-Chair) (SAC-JG) Catherine Hankins (SAC Chair) (SAC-CH), <i>Chairperson</i> Martin Meremikwu (SAC-MM) Keymanthri Moodley (SAC-KM)) Juliet Nabyonga-Orem (SAC-JN) (Day 2, only) Michael Ramharter (SAC-MR) Jutta Reinhard-Rupp (SAC-JR) Peter Smith (SAC Vice-Chair) (SAC-PS) Marleen Temmerman (SAC-MT) (Day 2, only) Halidou Tinto (SAC-HT) Eric Delaporte (SAC-ED)</p> <p>Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members absent:</p> <p>Collen Masimirembwa (SAC-CM)</p> <p>Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Observers present:</p> <p>Inmaculada Peñas-Jiménez, European Commission (EC-IPJ) Stefanie Sowinski, European Commission (EC-SS) Julia Molto, European Commission (EC-JM) Joseph Okeibunor, WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO-JO) John Reeder, World Health Organization HQ (WHO-JR)</p>	<p>Abbreviations:</p> <p>AACHRD - African Advisory Committee for Research and Development ACT-A - Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator Africa CDC - Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention AIGHD - Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development ALERRT - African coalition for Epidemic Research, Response and Training ARCH - Applying Research to Policy and Practice for Health AVAREF - African Vaccine Regulatory Forum BRCCH - Botnar Research Centre for Child Health CONCVACT - Consortium for COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Trials COVAX - the vaccines pillar of the ACT Accelerator COVID-19 – Coronavirus Disease 2019 DAC - Design, Analyze, Communicate DG RTD - Directorate-General for Research and Innovation EC – European Commission EU – European Union FIND - Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics GA – General Assembly GloPID-R - Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness GPH - EU-Africa Global Health Partnership (EDCTP3) HR – High Representative HSS - Health System Strengthening IHI - Innovative Health Initiative IMI - Innovative Medicines Initiative IR – Implementation Research JU – Joint Undertaking M - Million</p>

EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:

Abdoulie Barry, Director of Finance & Administration (SEC-AB)
Pauline Beattie, Operations Manager (SEC-PB)
Montserrat Blázquez-Domingo, Senior Project Officer (SEC-MB)
Moses Bockarie, Director of International Cooperation Africa (SEC-MBo)
Nuraan Fakier, Project Officer (SEC-NF)
Erika Gaspari, Project Officer (SEC-EG)
Jean Marie Vianney Habarugira, Senior Project Officer (SEC-JMH)
Michelle Helinski, Senior Project Officer (SEC-MH)
Dominika Jajkovicz, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer (SEC-DJ)
Michael Makanga, Executive Director (SEC-MM)
Anthony Man, Technical Advisor R&D (secondment) (SEC-AM)
Michelle Nderu, Project Officer (SEC-MN)
Thomas Nyirenda, Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Development Manager (SEC-TN)
Lara Pandya, Senior Strategic Partnerships Officer (SEC-LP)
Isabel Reis, Executive Governance Officer (SEC-IR)
Johanna Schaefer, Project Officer (SEC-JS)
Leonardo Simão, High Representative Africa (SEC-LS)
Michelle Singh, Project Officer (SEC-MS)
Marcel Tanner, High Representative Europe (SEC-MT)

Guests invited for agenda item 12 on day 2 only:

Francine Ntoumi (PANDORA-ID-NET - FN)
Danny Asogun (PANDORA-ID-NET -DA)
Richard Kock (PANDORA-ID-NET -RK)
Steve Diafouka (PANDORA-ID-NET -SD)
Isobelle Honeyborne (PANDORA-ID-NET -IH)
John H Amuasi (ALERRT-JA)
Peter Horby (ALERRT-PH)

MEURI - Monitored emergency use of unregistered and investigational interventions
NHRS – National Health Research Systems
NID - Neglected infectious diseases
PanACEA - Pan-African Consortium for the Evaluation of Antituberculosis Antibiotics
PANDORA-ID-NET - Pan-African Network for Rapid Research, Response, Relief and Preparedness for Infectious Diseases Epidemics
PRD - Poverty-related diseases
PSIA - Participating States' Initiated Activity
R&D - Research and development
REC - Regional Ethics Committee
RIA – Research & Innovation Action
R&I – Research and innovation
SAC – Scientific Advisory Committee
SARS-CoV-2 - Severe acute respiratory syndrome - coronavirus 2
SBA - Single Basic Act
SEC – EDCTP Secretariat
SRIA – Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda
SSA - Sub-Saharan Africa
TDR - Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases
WG – Working group
WHO – World Health Organization
WHO-AFRO - World Health Organization – Regional Office for Africa

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 13-14 October 2021 was approved.		
1.4	Approval of the minutes of the SAC meeting of 11-12 May 2021	DECISION: The minutes of the SAC meeting of 11-12 May 2021 were approved.		
2.1	Overview from the ED	ACTION: SEC to insert a slide on the number of female grantees in Africa in the final meeting slide deck.	SEC	ASAP
6.1.3	Emerging opportunities: Group A streptococcus	DECISION: SAC members collectively agreed on adding Group A Streptococcus to the SRA. ACTION: SAC-Chair to present this recommendation to the GA for inclusion of the same in the SRIA of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking.	SAC-Chair	15 October 2021
8.1	SAC Annual Report 2021	DECISION: Consensus achieved from all members on the final SAC Annual Report 2021, for subsequent submission to the GA. ACTION: SEC to submit the final SAC Annual Report 2021 to the GA for approval by written procedure.	SEC	30 November 2021
8.2	SAC Work Plan 2022	DECISION: Consensus achieved from all members on the final SAC Work Plan 2022, for subsequent submission to the GA. ACTION: SEC to submit the final SAC Work Plan 2022 to the GA for approval by written procedure.	SEC	30 November 2021

12.2.1 & 12.3.1	Questions & Answers	ACTION: All questions from SAC members to be collected and sent to PANDORA-ID-NET and ALERRT, for responses in writing.	SEC	asap
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