

EDCTP Update | September 2023



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Celebrating 20 years



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Celebrating 20 years of tackling infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa

EDCTP celebrated its [20th anniversary](#) on 15 September 2023. Set up in 2003 as a key EU contribution to the Millennium Development Goals, EDCTP has filled this vital niche in intervention development and built a supportive environment for clinical research in sub-Saharan Africa. [EDCTP's milestones through the years](#) highlight important events of the last 20 years that have contributed to the successes of the EDCTP programme.

EDCTP has been successfully supporting equitable European-African research collaborations to develop new and improved interventions against infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa for two decades while strengthening the capacity of institutions in sub-Saharan Africa to carry out clinical research. Our [facts and figures](#) to date provide a glimpse of EDCTP's impact in 20 years.

Watch the EDCTP anniversary video

In this video, representatives of our member countries, current and former members of our advisory bodies, and other partners share their views on the EDCTP programme.





EDCTP Forum

Partnering for Global Health Research Innovation and Impact in Africa

7—10 November 2023 | Paris, France

Celebrating EDCTP: two decades and beyond

The Eleventh EDCTP Forum will start in less than 40 days and preparations are in full swing. The Forum will take place from 7-10 November 2023 in Paris, France and virtually. This Forum, which is themed **Partnering for Global Health Research Innovation and Impact in Africa – Celebrating EDCTP: two decades and beyond**, presents an opportunity for participants working in global health research around the world to join with us in diverse Forum activities anchored in a compelling scientific programme. The Eleventh Forum will also present an opportunity to celebrate the 20th anniversary of EDCTP's establishment.

The detailed [Forum programme](#) provides an overview of the various days, sessions and presentations.

The Forum **plenary sessions** will feature [invited speakers](#) who are leaders in their respective areas of research. The **parallel sessions** will consist of abstract-driven oral presentations on a wide range of topics of clinical research covering poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases, within the scope of EDCTP. A number of oral and poster presenters will be early career investigators and scientists who will receive support to participate in the Forum through our scholarship programme. Additionally, the **Ana Lúcia Cardoso Weinberg and Ricardo Pereira scholarships** will provide an opportunity for early and mid-career investigators from Portugal and Portuguese-speaking African countries to present an abstract at the Forum.

The '[Meet the experts](#)' sessions will give young researchers the possibility to attend group meetings with leading experts in the field of poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases. The sessions will offer an opportunity for informal discussions and will allow young researchers to present their questions and gain knowledge.

Scientific symposia will be organised by groups of researchers or organisations on a variety of topics related to the Forum theme, promoting interactive discussions and exchange of views with Forum delegates. Forum delegates will also have the opportunity to participate in **workshop sessions** for training and development targeted at junior researchers, EDCTP grant holders and fellows.

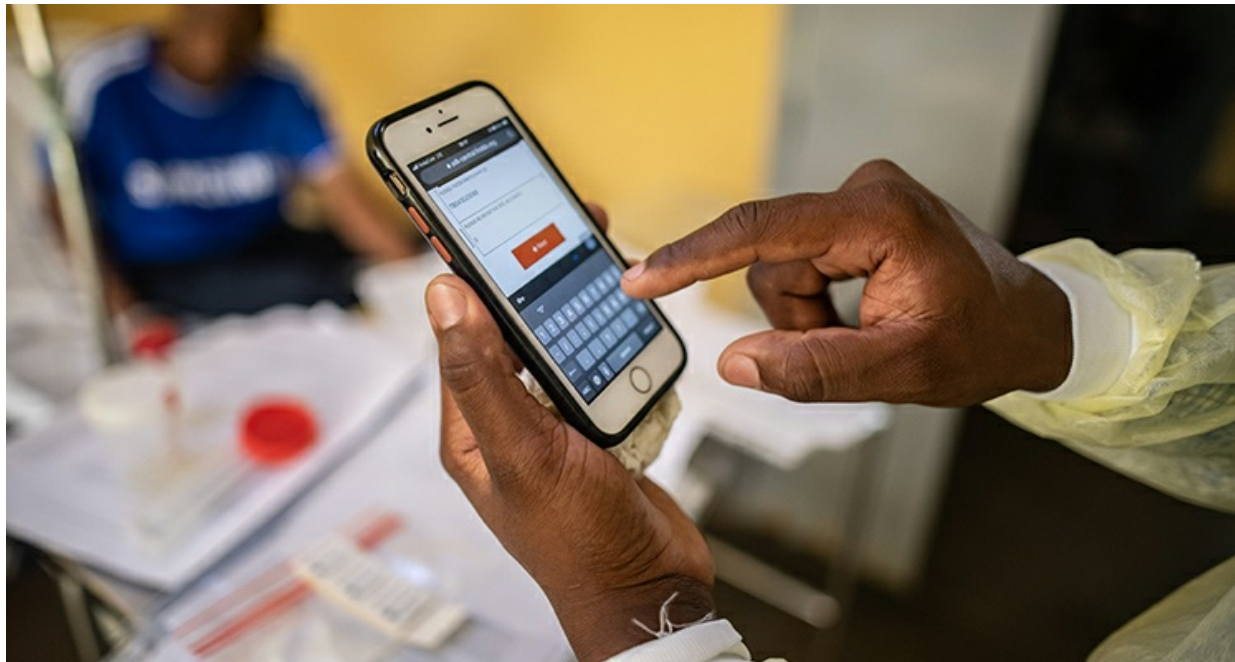
We wish to extend a special thanks to [our sponsors](#). Their generous contribution supports the organisation of the Eleventh EDCTP Forum and ensures broad participation of junior researchers through the Forum's scholarship programme. The Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), Gulbenkian Foundation, La Caixa Foundation, Irish Aid, Botnar Research Centre for Child Health, Medical Research Council UK (UKMRC) and Avacare Health are among the organisations that are supporting the Eleventh Forum scholarship programme. We would also like to invite you to join the **sponsored satellite sessions** organised by PANTHER, PATH and the Drugs for Neglected Diseases *initiative* (DNDi). Sponsored satellite sessions take place from Wednesday 8 to Friday 10 November from 08:00 to 09:00 CET and are open to all registered Forum participants.

The **networking dinner** sponsored by the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking will offer Forum participants an excellent opportunity to meet and network.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of our partners and **hosts** for the Forum, the [Ministry of Higher Education and Research of France](#) and [ANRS | Emerging Infectious Diseases](#) who look forward to greeting all Forum participants at the **Welcome cocktail reception**.

Register online to participate in person or virtually. Online registrations close on **27 October 2023**. For more information please visit the [Forum website](#).

Sub-Saharan African Healthcare organisations join public-private partnership pilot to expand clinical research data and digital capacities



EDCTP, Novartis and TriNetX, LLC have joined forces to support research capacity development in sub-Saharan Africa. Within the framework of EDCTP's Regional Networks of Excellence, the three partners are launching the pilot phase of a joint initiative aimed to support healthcare organizations (HCOs) in sub-Saharan Africa. Dr Michael Makanga, EDCTP Executive Director: *"This tripartite collaboration exemplifies the value of strategic public-private partnerships aimed at bridging important unmet research and capacity gaps. This joint initiative will develop critical data science capacity that is part of the mega-trend of digital transformation in Africa, enabling high-quality research and innovation to drive evidence-based policies and good practices across the continent."*

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Interview with Dr Thomas Nyirenda: Africa Needs to Strengthen Disease Surveillance and Innovation to Address Re-emerging Infectious Diseases



Dr Thomas Nyirenda, EDCTP Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Development Manager and Head of Africa Office, was interviewed by *HealthTimes*. He shared his views on Africa's need to improve surveillance, strategic innovations and collaborations and said that "while attention should be given to novel and emerging infectious diseases, Africa should not ignore existing infections, whose burden is already weighing down the continent's capacity to deal with diseases".

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EDCTP provides scholarships for the 23rd Advanced Course of Vaccinology (ADVAC)



The 23rd [ADVAC](#) course on vaccinology took place on 8-19 May 2023 in Annecy, France, co-organised by the Mérieux Foundation and the University of Geneva. 74 participants from over 40 countries across all continents participated in this intensive training

programme. The course covered aspects of vaccinology such as immunology, vaccine development, clinical trials, regulatory processes as well as strategies and policies. EDCTP supported the participation of six sub-Saharan African researchers in this 2023 course (pictured, together with ADVAC Course Director, Dr. Kamel Senouci) and considers this initiative a unique opportunity for scientists to learn from, interact and network with the world's leading experts in vaccinology, and to ultimately become leaders in vaccinology research. EDCTP has been a co-sponsor of the ADVAC Course since 2021 and has supported the training of 23 individuals from sub-Saharan Africa to date, of which 8 female and 15 male.

EDCTP congratulates the African Union for its membership in the G20



EDCTP extends its congratulations to the African Union on becoming a permanent member of the G20 – the Group of 20 top world economies which was announced by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the G20 annual summit on 9 September 2023. The inclusion of the African Union in the G20 was advocated in the policy brief '[One seat, one billion people: advocating for a G21](#)', published by a group of eleven thought leaders, under the umbrella of the EU-funded [PREPARED project](#).

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Leprosy Research Initiative celebrate its 10th anniversary

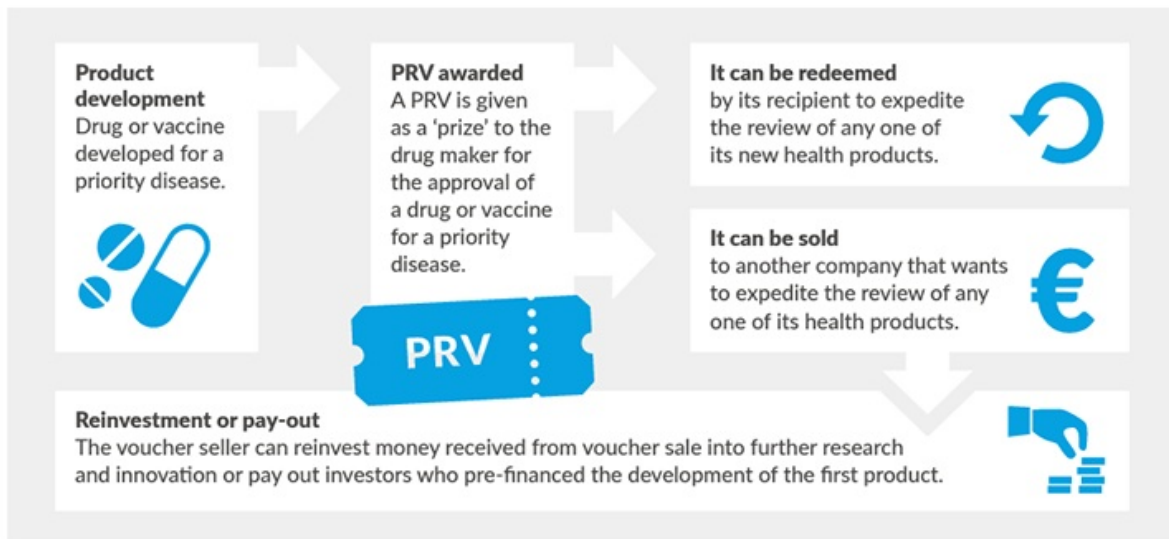


The Leprosy Research Initiative (LRI) [celebrated its 10th anniversary](#) on 17 September 2023. LRI is an important funder of international research on leprosy and related issues. In 2017, EDCTP and LRI launched a [partnership to boost leprosy research](#) to leverage resources and pool funds to support clinical and implementation research in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly in relation to leprosy and neglected infectious diseases that are co-endemic with leprosy.

Dr Michelle Helinski, EDCTP Senior Project Officer: *"The partnership that EDCTP and LRI embarked on in 2017 was put in place to leverage resources and pool funds to support clinical and implementation research on leprosy in sub-Saharan Africa. Through this partnership we were able to provide support for two leprosy projects researching the use of post-exposure prophylaxis in several countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Not only do these projects provide scientific evidence for this important research topic for the leprosy community, they also strengthened the capacity of researchers and their institutes. EDCTP congratulates LRI with their 10th anniversary."*

Policy paper: making a case for a priority review voucher in the EU

HOW DOES THE PRV WORK?



Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW) has published a [policy paper](#) outlining how a priority review voucher (PRV) programme for neglected infectious diseases could be introduced in the EU, and explores its potential to incentivise research and innovation in this neglected area of global health. PRV is a pull incentive that rewards product developers that successfully develop an innovative health product with a tradeable voucher that grants priority review of a second product.

HRWebAfrica: A resource for clinical research in Africa



Health Research Web Africa (<https://healthresearchwebafrica.org.za>) is a web-based health research information management platform, that provides quick and reliable 'real-time' data analysis and interpretation (charts, tables, and graphs) that can be used to monitor and evaluate research investments in an institution or country. The platform, which was previously managed by COHRED, was transferred to EthiXPert. EthiXPert has also taken over the management and coordination of RHInno Ethics, a cloud-based online ethics

review system that was supported through an EDCTP1 grant. HRWebAfrica invites research ethics committees (RECs) to join a pool of other RECs that gradually contribute towards developing an important clinical research resource from and for sub-Saharan Africa.

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Recent events

EDCTP session at SSUNGA78: Investing in Research and Development of Innovative Digital Health Solutions for Africa



In a pivotal session held on 14 September 2023 as part of the 9th edition of the [Science Summit during the 78th United Nations General Assembly \(UNGA78\)](#) in New York, USA, EDCTP showcased the transformative potential of digital health in addressing Africa's pressing healthcare needs. The gathering, attended by key stakeholders in global health, underscored the urgent importance of embracing digital health solutions to propel progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in low- and middle-income countries.

The session was a combination of EDCTP- and Horizon Europe-supported project presentations and a panel discussion that painted a clear picture of innovative digital health solutions that address challenges and opportunities facing healthcare in Africa. Speakers emphasised the need for smarter, faster, and more integrated healthcare systems that harness the potential of digital health innovations and emerging technologies. Combining health technologies with mobile and digital solutions, artificial intelligence, real-world data, big data processing, and other scientific innovations holds the promise of transforming health systems in Africa.

The session served as a testament to the critical role of digital health in reshaping healthcare in Africa. As EDCTP celebrates its 20th anniversary and commits to its mission, digital health innovation will be a driving force in achieving SDGs, UHC, and improving healthcare access and outcomes across the continent.

[Visit the session's page](#) for more information and to watch the session recording. The session was convened by Ms Michelle Nderu, EDCTP Project Officer and co-convened by Ms Daniela Pereira, EDCTP Communications Officer, with support from Novartis which hosted the event.



This year's RSTMH Annual Meeting is being held on 28-29 September 2023 in London, UK, with the theme 'Tropical Medicine and Global Health: Priorities for the next 5 years'. EDCTP is represented at the event by Dr Michael Makanga, Executive Director, who participates in a panel discussion on The Funding Landscape: Priorities for the next five years.

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Project news

Clinical studies bring GIFT of sexual health closer for women



An article on the TimesLIVE highlights the GIFT device designed to screen for inflammation associated with HIV infections and improve women's sexual and reproductive health. Developed by the EDCTP-funded GIFT project, the study has entered its trial phase and aims to involve almost 700 women in the validation of the device.

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PediCAP trial completes recruitment

The PediCAP team has reported that the 1100 patients required for the main trial in this study have now been recruited. PediCAP is studying the optimal drug, dose and duration of oral step-down antibiotics for children admitted to hospital with



severe community-acquired pneumonia. Children included in the trial are aged between 2 months and 6 years and have been recruited in district and tertiary hospitals in Mozambique, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

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Integrated HIV/HTN project newsletter



The Integrated HIV/HTN project has released the second issue of its newsletter. This newsletter aims to provide project updates and share highlights of the project's progress. Among the various updates, the project reports that the results of its baseline study were presented at the HLB-SIMPLe Alliance Meeting. The project showed that integration of HTN in HIV care delivery systems is feasible and that the intervention improved HTN screening, treatment, and control between baseline and 12-months. The results also highlight that innovative strategies are still needed to achieve optimal blood pressure control.

[Read the newsletter »](#)

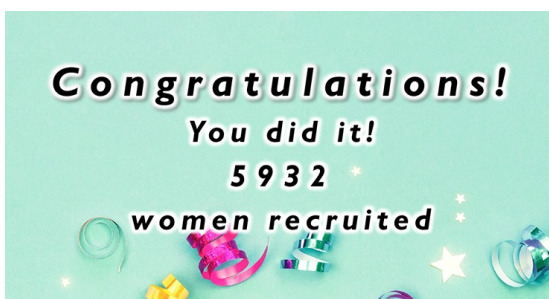
VL-INNO project featured in Spanish newspaper



The El País, a Spanish newspaper, published an article featuring the EDCTP-funded [VL-INNO](#) project. The project, led by the [Drugs Neglected Diseases Initiative](#) (DNDi), aims to revolutionise diagnostic methods through AI and develop the first oral treatment available against visceral leishmaniasis, two measures that move towards a possible cure.

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BabyGel project reaches recruitment target



The [BabyGel project](#) has recruited 5,932 women to participate in the study. Recruitment will continue until the end of September, by which time the project expects to reach its target mark of 6,000 women. The BabyGel project is examining whether giving mothers an alcohol-based hand rub can reduce severe infections in newborns.

SEARCH project organises workshop on fundamentals and elements of the review process



From 11-13 September 2023, the Southern Africa Regulatory for Clinical Research (SEARCH) organised and hosted a training workshop entitled “Fundamentals and Elements of the review process” with emphasis on the use of AVAREF Tools for the evaluation of a clinical trial protocol review and assessment. The training provided a good overview of the protocol review process in clinical trials, role and responsibilities of reviewers and Institutional Review Board (IRB) members in the review process and provided ‘hands on’ experience on use of AVAREF tools. The workshop was attended by members of the SEARCH project, including representatives from the Manhiça Health Research Center (CISM), Mozambique, Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority (BoMRA); Ministry of Health Eswatini and Ministry of Health Lesotho.

SAVING Consortium releases first newsletter



The SAVING Consortium has published its first newsletter which will serve as a platform to share updates on the latest developments and achievements of the project. In this first issue, the newsletter provides information about the project’s progress, including updates on ongoing implementation research on vaccines, distribution, and accessibility.

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UNIVERSAL project presents its results at a workshop

Relative bioavailability of dolutegravir (DTG) and emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide fumarate (F/TAF) administered as paediatric tablet formulations in healthy volunteers

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Introduction

- As the EDCTP2-funded UNIVERSAL project (RIA2019PD-2882) a paediatric fixed dose combination (FDC) product containing dolutegravir/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide (DTG/F/TAF) will be developed.
- The pharmacokinetic data on the combination of DTG dispersible tablets (DT) and F/TAF for oral suspension (TOS) are currently lacking.

We undertook a relative bioavailability (RBA) study in HIV-negative volunteers to investigate a potential pharmacokinetic effect when paediatric DTG DT (30 mg dose) and F/TAF-TOS (180/22.5 mg dose)

Results

- In total, 15 participants were included. The median age of these included subjects (6 female / 9 male) was 27.0 (IQR: 21.0-31.0) years with a median BMI of 25.1 (IQR: 21.6-28.0) kg/m².

PK parameter	DTG (n=15)		95% CI
	DTG (F/TAF)	DTG (TOS)	
AUC ₀₋₂₄ (h·ng/L)	4673 (208)	4638 (207)	1.02 (0.94-1.10)
C _{0,24h} (ng/L)	738 (60)	726 (60)	1.00 (0.91-1.09)
t _{1/2} (h)	8.75 (0.41)	1.0 (0.2-8)	
t _{1/2} (h)	13.9 (0.0)	13.9 (0.0)	

The UNIVERSAL project presented results at the International Workshop on Clinical Pharmacology of HIV, Hepatitis, and Other Antiviral Drugs 2023. The poster presents the results of a study investigating how the body interacts with paediatric DTG & F/TAF when taken together. The UNIVERSAL project is developing new fixed-dose combinations for children newly diagnosed with HIV and for those who do not respond to first-line therapy.

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EDCTP visits the BlockRabies project in Abidjan and San Pedro, Côte d’Ivoire

The [BlockRabies project](#) is using innovative



blockchain technology to increase access to preventive treatments for rabies, by enhancing coordination across groups involved in rabies control. The project was visited by Ms. Michelle Nderu, EDCTP Project Officer, in Abidjan and San Pedro, Cote d'Ivoire. Meetings with the project team and Prof. Inza Kone, Director General of Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques (CSRS), one of the organisations involved in the project, were productive. Ms Michelle Nderu was also present at the validation test of the BlockRabies app (BrApp). Additionally, the BlockRabies project was featured as a case study in EDCTP's session at the SSUNGA78 on 14 September 2023.

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EACCR Annual general meeting



Partners in the Eastern Africa Consortium for Clinical Research ([EACCR3](#)), including research Institutions and universities in Eastern Africa and Europe, met in Zanzibar, Tanzania on 1-2 August 2023 to assess the progress of the project activities in period 2 of the project implementation. The objectives of the meeting were to evaluate the performance of the various work packages in period 2, share best practices and challenges of implementing the EACCR3 project in period 2, disseminate research findings and assess student progress with scientific and research work, and clarify period 3 deliverables and milestones. The meeting was attended by representatives from all institutions participating in the Consortium in the Eastern Africa region, as well as PhD and MSc students attached to EACCR3 activities.

Prof. Romain Glèlè Kakai joins the Vaccine Impact Modelling Consortium as a group lead on malaria



Professor Romain Glèlè Kakai is a Full Professor of Biostatistics and Forest Estimations at the University of Abomey-Calavi (Benin) and leads the EDCTP-funded [TEBWA project](#) (Training Epidemiologists and Biostatisticians for enhanced response to disease outbreak and epidemic in West-Africa). Prof. Glèlè Kakai has joined the VIMC (Vaccine Impact Modelling Consortium) following their request for proposals. Prof. Romain Glèlè Kakai proposed a hybrid mathematical model that has been selected by the VIMC, and he has been appointed as a group Lead on Malaria modelling.

EDCTP Fellows

Dr Oghenebrume Wariri was accepted as a Visiting Fellow at the Office of Population Research Princeton University



EDCTP Career Development Fellow Dr Oghenebrume Wariri (The Gambia) has started his journey as the 2023 African Visiting Fellow of the Office of Population Research at Princeton University. The Fellowship was awarded to outstanding African scholars in the field of research or policy around demography and population studies. This fellowship will provide Dr Wariri with time and support to focus on his research, as well as foster collaboration and strong networks between the Office of Population Research and scholars and institutions based in Africa.

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Prof. Alfred Amambua-Ngwa interviewed on TV show 'Good Morning Gambia'



EDCTP Fellow Prof. Alfred Amambua-Ngwa (The Gambia) was interviewed on 'Good morning Gambia' and talked about the malaria research being conducted under his fellowship, and the study results. In his Senior Fellowship, Prof. Amambua-Ngwa aims to determine whether antimalarial drug use is leading to changes in the genetic make-up of parasite populations and the implications this is having for susceptibility to antimalarial treatments. Through his Senior Fellowship Plus, Prof. Amambua-Ngwa is also mentoring a trainee fellow, Dr Olusola Ajibaye, who is investigating novel genetic factors contributing to reduced efficacy of artemisinin combination therapies in Nigeria.

[Watch the interview »](#)

Dr Amanuel Abajobir appointed to WHO advisory group

EDCTP Career Development Fellow Dr Amanuel Abajobir (Ethiopia) has been appointed to join the Strategic and Technical Advisory Group for Maternal,



Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition (STAGE) at WHO. STAGE will provide strategic and technical advice to WHO on matters relating to maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health and nutrition and will advise WHO on global priorities and emerging issues for which policies, strategies, recommendations, and intervention packages should be developed or updated, with a view to helping Member States in reaching relevant Sustainable Development Goals targets.

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- *Case Reports in Infectious Diseases*: [A Case of Visceral Leishmaniasis in a 4-Year-Old Child Living in Nonendemic Area Located in Suburbs of Dakar, Senegal](#). Ndiaye, M, *et al.* (9 September 2023)
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Evolution of Opportunistic Pulmonary Fungal Coinfections: Protocol for a Laboratory-Based Cross-Sectional Study. Njovu, IK, *et al.* (15 August 2023)

- **Frontiers in Immunology: Inflammatory profile of vertically HIV-1 infected adolescents receiving ART in Cameroon: a contribution toward optimal pediatric HIV control strategies.** Ka'e, AC, *et al.* (14 August 2023)
- **Frontiers in Cellular and Infection Microbiology: Macrophage susceptibility to infection by Ghanaian Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex lineages 4 and 5 varies with self-reported ethnicity.** Osei-Wusu, S, *et al.* (14 August 2023)
- **Veterinary Medicine and Science: Contemporary epidemiological data of Rift Valley fever virus in humans, mosquitoes and other animal species in Africa: A systematic review and meta-analysis.** Ebogo-Belobo, JT, *et al.* (7 August 2023)
- **Therapeutic Advances in Drug Safety: Funding and financial sustainability of pharmacovigilance: suggested models for funding pharmacovigilance in resource-limited African countries.** Isah, AO, *et al.* (24 July 2023)
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Training and funding opportunities

2nd EU-Africa PerMed Summer School “Implementation of Personalised Medicine” | Deadline for application: 19 October 2023

The event will be held from 21-23 May 2024 in Nairobi, Kenya, and will focus on implementing personalised medicine in various fields, aiming to equip participants with skills to support personalised medicine implementation and research network creation.

The 2nd Summer School (hybrid format) is open to around 35 junior researchers, policymakers, and healthcare workers from European and African countries who will be evaluated and admitted on a competitive basis. Up to 6 participants will receive a travel and accommodation grant. Participation in this training event is free of cost. Deadline of application is on 19 October 2023.

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Strengthening Health and Disease Modeling for Public Health Decision Making in Africa | Deadline for application: 23 October 2023

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Wellcome have launched a new request for proposals, "*Strengthening Health and Disease Modelling for Public Health Decision Making in Africa.*" They seek to support modelling projects that answer important public health questions, that are actionable enough to result in policies that improve people's health, and that strengthen the African modelling ecosystem by developing new approaches and tools or connecting modelers and policymakers across countries and institutions.

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Research Methods Workshop and Writing Retreat for junior scholars in Windhoek | Deadline for application: 23 October 2023

The EDCTP-funded [StatinTB](#) project is organising a Research Methods Workshop and a Writing Retreat for junior scholars in Windhoek, Namibia, in January/February 2024. The two events are aimed at junior clinical researchers in the early stages of their research project in any health-related field (Research Methods Workshop) and at young scientists who have completed a research project in any health-related field (Writing Retreat).

Both events are supported by the University of Namibia and the Wellcome Centre for Infectious Diseases Research in Africa at University of Cape Town. Participation in both events is free. For participants from outside Windhoek accommodation, breakfast and lunch will be covered, and participants from Windhoek will receive free lunch. Travel expense needs to be covered by the participant. [Download the application form](#). The application deadline is 23 October 2023.

African Career Acceleration Fellowships | Deadline for application: 12 November 2023

The Crick Africa Network (CAN) is offering African Career Acceleration Fellowships supported by LifeArc for early-career biomedical scientists to develop translational scientific programmes and become independent scientists. The Institute is looking for post-doctoral applicants who can demonstrate strong scientific and leadership potential, a keen interest in translational science, and a commitment to establishing their own research groups and continuing their careers on the African continent. Fellows will be hosted at one of 5 African institutions (MRC Gambia, MRC Uganda, University of Cape Town, Stellenbosch University and University of Ghana) for a fully-funded 4-year post-doctoral research grant,

and will also have funding to visit the Crick and make use of their lab facilities.

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Advanced course on epidemiology in complex emergencies for effective surveillance and response (in French) | Deadline for application: 15 November 2023

The Mérieux Foundation and Epiconcept are organising a second edition of the Advanced course of epidemiology in French: “Epidémiologie dans les situations d’urgences complexes pour une surveillance et une réponse efficace” (Epidemiology in complex emergencies for effective surveillance and response) which will take place at Les Pensières Center for Global Health, in Veyrier-du-Lac (France) from 18-22 March 2024. This Advanced Epidemiology Course is dedicated to French-speaking epidemiologists working in human, animal, and environmental health. It aims to prepare them to contribute to a multidisciplinary and international response to complex emergencies. Deadline for application is 15 November 2023.

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Call for proposals for Residencies & Workshops | Deadline for applications: 6 December 2023

The Brocher Foundation offers to Researchers the opportunity of a 1 to 3 months Residency or to organise a 2 or 3-day multidisciplinary Workshop on the Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of new medical developments.

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EDCTP events

Eleventh EDCTP Forum | Paris, France, 7-10 November 2023

From 7-10 November 2023, EDCTP will hold its Eleventh EDCTP Forum, hosted in Paris, France, at the Palais des Congrès de Paris. The Forum theme is “Partnering for Global Health Research Innovation and Impact in Africa - Celebrating EDCTP: two decades and beyond”. Registration is now open for both in-person and virtual participation, and EDCTP sponsorship opportunities are available to profile and raise the visibility of organisations working in the same field as EDCTP. We invite you to visit the [Eleventh EDCTP Forum website](#) for more information.

Other events

ECTMIH2023 | 20-23 November 2023

The 13th European Congress on Global Health will take place in Utrecht, the Netherlands on 20-23 November 2023. The overarching theme of the congress is planetary health, focusing on the health of ‘human civilisations and the national systems on which they depend’ and reflecting the interconnectedness of human health and climate change in a rapidly changing environment. ECTMIH2023 aims to accelerate the understanding, appreciation, and connections between tropical medicine, global health, and the urgent field of planetary health.

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3rd International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA 2023) | Lusaka, Zambia, 27-30 November 2023

The annual International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA) provides a unique African-led platform for leaders across the continent to reflect on lessons learned in health and science, and align on a way forward for creating more resilient health systems. Expanding the horizons of the conference once again, CPHIA 2023 will showcase how the

continent is breaking down barriers, reaffirming Africa as a powerhouse in science and innovation, generator of new knowledge and health products, and exemplar of progress. EDCTP is represented in the conference's Scientific Programme Committee by Dr Thomas Nyirenda, Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Development Manager and Head of Africa Office. Together with Professor Rose Leke, Emeritus Professor of Immunology and Parasitology and founder of HIGHER Women Consortium Cameroon, Dr Nyirenda will once again co-lead Track 8: 'Combating Infectious Diseases, NTDs and Antimicrobial Resistance in Africa'.

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Global Forum on Bioethics in Research (GFBR) meeting | Montreux, Switzerland, 28-29 November 2023

The Global Forum on Bioethics in Research (GFBR) will hold a two-day meeting in Montreux, Switzerland on 28-29 November 2023 on the topic: "The ethics of health research priority setting". The Forum prioritises the participation of colleagues from low- and middle- income countries.

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