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## Minutes from the hybrid meeting of the EDCTP Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Wednesday, 19 April 2023, 10:00-18:00 CEST

<b>MEETING PARTICIPANTS</b>	
<p><b>Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members present (in-person):</b>            Harleen Grewal (SAC Chair) (SAC-HG), <i>Chairperson</i>            Richard Adegbola (SAC-RA)            Michael Ramharter (SAC-MR)            Paulo Ferrinho (SAC-PF)            Christine Stabell Benn (SAC-CSB)</p> <p><b>Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members present (virtually):</b>            Eric Delaporte (SAC-ED)</p> <p><b>Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Members absent with apologies:</b>            Collen Masimirembwa (SAC-CM)</p> <p><b>Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Observers present:</b>            Joseph Okeibunor, WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO-AFRO-JO) (in-person)            Stefanie Sowinski, European Commission (EC-SS) (virtually)            Jan Paehler, European Commission (EC-JP) (virtually)</p>	<p><b>Abbreviations:</b>            AACHRD - African Advisory Committee for Research and Development            ACT - Access to COVID-19 Tools            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            AVAREF - African Vaccine Regulatory Forum            BRCC - Botnar Research Centre for Child Health            CONCVACT - Consortium for COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Trials            COVAX - the vaccines pillar of the ACT Accelerator            COVID-19 – Corona Virus Disease 2019            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            LMIC – Low- and middle-income countries            JU – Joint Undertaking            M - Million            MEURI - Monitored emergency use of unregistered and investigational interventions            NHRS – National Health Research Systems            NID - Neglected infectious diseases</p>
<p><b>EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:</b>            Michael Makanga, Executive Director (SEC-MM)            Pauline Beattie, Operations Manager (SEC-PB)            Thomas Nyirenda, Strategic Partnerships &amp; Capacity Development Manager (SEC-TN)            Lara Pandya, Senior Strategic Partnerships Officer (SEC-LP)            Montserrat Blázquez-Domingo, Senior Project Officer (SEC-MB)            Michelle Helinski, Senior Project Officer (SEC-MH)            Michelle Nderu, Project Officer (SEC-MN)            Dominika Jajkovicz, Monitoring &amp; Evaluation Officer (SEC-DJ)            Michelle Singh, Project Officer (SEC-MS)</p>	



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Debora Bade, Project Officer (SEC-DB),  
Erika Gaspari, Project Officer (SEC-EG),  
Nuraan Fakier, Project Officer (SEC-NF)  
Johanna Schaefer, Project Officer (SEC-JS)  
Leonardo Simão, High Representative Africa (SEC-LS)  
Marcel Tanner, High Representative Europe (SEC-MT)  
Isabel Reis, Executive Governance Officer (SEC-IR)  
Jennifer Stamatelos, Senior Administrative Assistant (SEC-JS) - for agenda point 5.1

**Invited guests (virtually):**

José Muñoz, Principal Investigator, ISGlobal STOP-JM) - for agenda points 4.2 & 4.3  
Alejandro Krolewiecki, CONICET, Licons, (STOP-AK) - for agenda points 4.2 & 4.3  
Julia Molto Lopez, European Commission (EC-JL) - for agenda point 5.1

NoE – Networks of Excellence  
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  
PS – Participating State  
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  
SBP - Strategic Business Plan  
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  
WHA – World Health Assembly  
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	<b>DECISION:</b> The agenda of the SAC meeting of 19 April 2023 was approved.		
1.4	Approval of the minutes of the SAC meeting of 4-5 October 2022	<b>DECISION:</b> The minutes of the SAC meeting of 4-5 October 2022 were approved.		



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3.1.1	WHO update and Q&A	<p><b>ACTION:</b> Questions, inputs or comments on WHO Dr Vasee Moorthy's presentation to be sent to the SEC-IR.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> SEC-TN to take up the issue of inclusion of community engagement to the advisory group.</p>		
4.1	Overview of the NID portfolio EDCTP2	<p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a need to nurture research in NIDs through targeted calls for proposals to ensure support for research in NIDs is not outcompeted/outnumbered in open calls.</li> <li>• The GH EDCTP3 programme should encourage participation of female researchers working in the field of NIDs, to build upon the cohort of women researchers supported under EDCTP2.</li> <li>• Engaging African countries with the highest burden of NIDs in the GH EDCTP3 programme should be a priority to stimulate research at national level.</li> <li>• Continuing and extending the productive partnerships that EDCTP2 has established with private partners in NIDs research and development will help to leverage funding to accelerate the development of new products.</li> </ul>	EC colleagues and SAC representatives in GH EDCTP3 SC to flag these recommendations	
5.1	EDCTP Forum 2023 – progress and planning	<p><b>ACTION:</b> Follow-up on the selection of Forum guest speakers and topics for keynote addresses to be carried out by written procedure amongst the SAC members.</p>		
6.2	EDCTP Africa CDC Masters fellowships and suggestions on the way forward	<p><b>ACTION:</b> All fellows encouraged to submit abstracts for the Forum.</p>		



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7.1	Items for the next SAC meeting	<b>ACTION:</b> EDCTP Africa Office to reflect on how to present the status of implementation and outstanding issues involving the Regional NoE and the Alumni platform as subject matters for the next SAC meeting.		
7.3	Meeting closure	<b>ACTION:</b> SEC to send asap all relevant information where input is required about the upcoming Forum to the SAC members.		