

17 April 2026

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Dear Sir/Madam,

LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

On behalf of Stellenbosch University, a public university registered at Victoria Street Administration B Building, Stellenbosch 7600, South Africa, under VAT number: 4920118959 and in accordance with Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 of 19th November 2021 establishing the joint undertakings under Horizon Europe and specifically Article 9 therein, I hereby submit an application to become a contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (Global Health EDCTP3 JU).

Stellenbosch University (SU) is internationally recognized for its contributions to biomedical research, with a strong track record in immunology, tuberculosis (TB), and HIV. Within the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, the Tuberculosis Immunology Group is a leading center for biomarker discovery and translational research, supported by advanced biorepository and immunology laboratory facilities. The group maintains close partnerships with local TB programs and established recruitment networks in high-burden communities around Cape Town, enabling robust clinical trial implementation. Through its Clinical Research Unit, SU ensures excellence in participant enrollment, follow-up, and high-quality data and sample collection. Its multidisciplinary expertise spans clinical science, bioinformatics, data management, and technology transfer, ensuring effective translation of research into impact. In alignment with the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking, SU's work contributes to advancing scientific innovation, capacity building, and the development of new diagnostic and therapeutic tools for TB.

Stellenbosch University functions as coordinator (partner number 1) in the AddiCAD project which is currently in the phase of Grant Agreement Preparation (Project acronym: AddiCAD, proposal number 101248855-2, topic: HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-ACCESS-02-two-stage.) To enable the implementation of the proposed project, the consortium offers to make significant own investments. On project level these amount to a total of € 387 500 (i.e. an additional 18.5% on top of the requested EC contribution) and will be made in the form of in-kind contributions to operational activities (IKOP) as defined in Article 2.8 of the EDCTP3 JU's founding regulation (Single Basic Act, SBA).

Specifically, Stellenbosch University's contribution will be made during the project and will include

- an operational manager, lab manager and administrator will spend effort on project while paid by SU. Estimated 5% effort for 3 years each (€ 20 000 direct cost).
- A Masters Student in Bio-informatics will perform impact modelling over 2 years (€ 20 000 direct cost).

Their work will support SU's work in the role of the overall coordinator (P1) as well as WP lead for WP 2 ("Clinical evaluation of AddiCAD"), WP 3 ("Data Management") and WP 5 ("Scientific coordination, dissemination, and project management").

This commitment will not only allow for more work to be done in the scope of the AddiCAD project, but also have the secondary effect of increasing the budget of Global Health EDCTP JU, in accordance with Article 103 of the SBA, and make possible the funding of more research projects.

We estimate the total value of this in-kind contribution to the AddiCAD project by Stellenbosch University to be EUR 50 000.

We confirm the following:

1. We will comply with the Horizon Europe Regulation (EU) No 2021/695; Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 establishing the joint undertakings under Horizon Europe; the Model Grant Agreement for Horizon Europe and applicable Global Health EDCTP3 JU rules, including the relevant work programmes and in particular the call conditions therein.
2. We will keep all information received in the context of our involvement as contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU confidential. This confidentiality obligation applies in particular but is not limited to the areas of Global Health EDCTP3 JU call topic preparation and publication, proposal submission and evaluation, and consortium formation. We further understand that this obligation strictly prohibits the release of confidential information to any legal entities save where specifically authorised by Global Health EDCTP3 JU. Internal dissemination of information within our organisation will be done on the basis of the "need-to-know" principle.
3. We are confident of our ability to fulfil the above commitments and further confirm our understanding that the Global Health EDCTP3 JU will allocate resources to the above topic based on these commitments.
4. The value of our contribution will be based on costs calculated in accordance with Article 6 of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.
5. We accept that additional modalities regarding the provision of our contribution may be defined in subsequent agreements or documents, such as a funding agreement and topic text.
6. If our letter is accepted, and without prejudice to point 2, we authorize Global Health EDCTP3 JU to communicate about our contribution and to display our logo in its public communication materials for the purpose of acknowledging our role as a contributing partner.
7. If we are ineligible as a contributing partner but our contribution can be considered through the EDCTP Association, we authorise Global Health EDCTP3 JU to share this letter and our contact details with the EDCTP Association as proof of our declared co-investment.

Yours faithfully,



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