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Letter of Endorsement

On behalf of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences in South Africa (AIMS-SA), 6 Melrose Road, Muizenberg, Cape Town 7945, South Africa, 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).

AIMS-SA is a member of a pan-African network of centers dedicated to advancing mathematical sciences and their application to development issues. Its primary activities include providing training and education in advanced mathematical sciences to students and young researchers, as well as conducting research and developing collaborations between academia, industry, and government to solve real-world problems using mathematical approaches.

AIMS-SA’s contribution to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU will directly support the Strategic Training Hub for Fellowships in Public Health covering Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Modelling, under the second stage call for capacity-building for epidemic preparedness and public health workforce development. The ICI3D Program strengthens epidemic modelling capacity in sub-Saharan Africa, with AIMS-SA supporting the delivery of the **Meaningful Modelling of Epidemiological Data (MMED)** clinic.

Our contribution will include in-kind contributions to support the following work packages:

Primary responsibility: MMED clinic delivery (Work Package 3/5/7)

- Providing the venue, including lecture halls, computer lab, and lunchroom.
- Providing travel and accommodation support for up to 5 faculty.
- Providing logistical support.

Duration: Project years 2026–2028 (36 months).

Estimated contribution:

- **Financial contribution (FC):** Travel and accommodation – approx. EUR 55,000
- **In-kind operational contribution (IKOP):** Unfunded staff effort and venue – approx. EUR 12,000

(Breakdown by year and category to be confirmed.)

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

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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.

Yours faithfully,



Prof Ulrich Paquet
Director

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