

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE GLOBAL HEALTH EDCTP3 JOINT UNDERTAKING DECISION N° GB/13/2025

On appointing an advisory group on climate and health strategy

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE GLOBAL HEALTH EDCTP3 JOINT UNDERTAKING (hereafter “Global Health EDCTP3 JU”),

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe (hereinafter “the Regulation”), in particular articles 16 (1), (2), (3) and 17(2)(x),

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Board of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

WHEREAS:

- (1) With the overall objectives of reducing the individual, social and economic burden of infectious disease and increasing health security in sub-Saharan Africa, Global Health EDCTP3 JU has a focus on overarching global challenges, including contributing to minimising the health impacts of climate-sensitive infectious diseases;
- (2) It is therefore paramount to identify important and realistic short and medium-term priorities that will inform the formulation of a call for proposals for the Global Health EDCTP3 2026 work programme, which would tackle the short-term identified research gaps in sub-Saharan Africa;
- (3) It is equally crucial to identify the medium- and long-term research needs in sub-Saharan Africa, which will be integrated into the remit of a successor to the Global Health EDCTP3 programme;
- (4) Specific expertise in addition to the one already included in the Scientific Committee is needed to tackle these challenges.

By written procedure, has adopted the following decision:

Article 1

1. An advisory group on climate and health strategy (‘AGCHS’) is hereby created until 31 December 2025.
2. Its mandate may be extended for an additional period of up to one year by decision of the Executive Director.

Article 2

1. The AGCHS shall provide recommendations to the Executive Director in the form of reports in order to:

(a) Identify important and realistic short and medium-term priorities that will inform the formulation of a call for proposals for the Global Health EDCTP3 2026 work programme, which would tackle the short-term identified research gaps in sub-Saharan Africa, including by:

(i). Contributing to the overall vision and impact of Global Health EDCTP3 to reduce the socio-economic burden of infectious diseases, including those provoked by the climate crisis.

(ii). Addressing the lack of research on climate and health in sub-Saharan Africa.

(iii). Addressing the most urgent needs of context-specific evidence generation in Africa.

(iv). Providing evidence on the current and projected high burden diseases in sub-Saharan Africa.

(b) Identify the medium- and long-term research needs in sub-Saharan Africa, which may be integrated into the remit of a successor to the Global Health EDCTP3 programme.

2. The Executive Director may request from the AGCHS to provide recommendations on any other subject in the field of climate and health or other types of deliverables if appropriate.

3. The AGCHS shall work under the supervision and instructions of the Executive Director and hold meetings upon his/her request.

4. The AGCHS shall adopt its rules of procedure.

Article 3

1. Where appropriate, Global Health EDCTP3 JU may apply the relevant provisions of Commission Decision C(2007) 5858 or any subsequent Commission Decision replacing it by analogy to the members of the AGCHS.

2. Where appropriate, Global Health EDCTP3 JU may apply the relevant provisions of Commission Decision C(2016) 3301 or any subsequent Commission Decision replacing it by analogy to the members of the AGCHS, in particular with regard to the payment of “special allowances”.

3. Where applicable, Global Health EDCTP3 JU shall define the deliverables required to claim the payment of special allowances.

4. Where applicable, the relevant members of the AGCHS shall sign a specific expert contract as a frame for the submission of the deliverables required by Global Health EDCTP3 JU and the payment of “special allowances”.

Article 4

1. The following experts are hereby appointed to the AGCHS:

- Dr Alan Dangour, Director of Climate and Health, Wellcome Trust, UK
- Professor Andrew Haines, Professor of Environmental Change & Public Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), UK
- Dr Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum, Head of Unit, Climate Change and Health, World Health Organization (WHO), Switzerland

- Professor Catherine Hankins, community medicine specialist, epidemiologist, McGill University, Canada/Amsterdam Institute for Global Health & Development (AIGHD), the Netherlands
- Prof. Matthew Chersich, Research Professor and Executive Director, Wits Planetary Health Research Division, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa
- Ms Mette Ide Davidsen, Senior Vice President, Social and Humanitarian Area, Novo Nordisk Foundation, Denmark
- Dr Anya Gopfert, Climate and health expert, FCDO
- Dr Charles Akataobi Michael, Lead climate and health Africa CDC
- Dr Brama Kone, Technical Officer for Climate Change and Health, World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa (WHO-AFRO)
- Dr Sokhna Thiam, Lead Environment Climate Health Research Group | West Africa Regional Office (WARO), Senegal
- Professor Matthew Chersich, Executive Director & Research Professor, Wits Planetary Health Research Division, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa
- Dr Johanna Sanchez, Climate and Health Lead, Grand Challenges Canada
- Joy Shumake-Guillemot, lead of the WHO-WMO climate and health joint office.
- Olivier Jankowitsch, Vice President of Governmental Affairs and COVID-19 Program Director of the European (SE) Biotech Valneva

2. The Executive Director may appoint observers to the AGCHS.

3. Dr Jan Paehler (European Commission) and Rita Araujo is hereby appointed as permanent observer to the AGCHS.

Article 5

This decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 28 May 2025.

For the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking Governing Board

Henning Gädeke
Chairperson of the Governing Board