

Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Report on activities and achievements in 2025

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Summary Activities 2025

Constituted in 2022, the Scientific Committee is the scientific advisory body of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU with members coming from Europe and Africa. In June 2025, five new members were appointed to fill vacant positions, and in Jul 2026, seven experts were appointed to replace members who completed their mandates by end June 2024. At the end of December 2025, the last group of five members from the committee appointed in 2022 completed their 6 months mandate extension. At its 8th meeting in Kigali in June 2025, the Scientific Committee elected Professor Harleen Grewal as a new Chairperson and agreed to have the former Chairperson Professor John Gyapong as Vice-Chair until end of 2025 to ensure business continuity in the committee.

Since its establishment, the Committee has been assisting Global Health EDCTP JU in the design of strategic and scientific activities, including the priorities to be addressed by the annual calls for proposals.

In 2025, the Scientific Committee Members met three times: on 12 March 2025, 13 June 2025 and 1 October 2025.

Contribution to the Work Programme 2026

In March 2025, the 7th SC meeting was held on online, and the main agenda point was to discuss research priorities to be addressed by the Work Programme 2026.

During the 12th EDCTP Forum, which took place in June 2025 in Kigali, Rwanda, the 8th SC meeting was held as a hybrid meeting, the SC members discussed six proposed topics of the Work Programme 2026.

In June 2025, the SC Chair attended the Governing Board meeting and informed GB members on the work of the SC, including their in-depth discussions on draft topics for the 2026 Work Programme.

In the period August-September 2025, SC members were consulted and provided important written input into the draft 2026 work programme. The summary input from the SC was an important reference for the GB meeting which took place on October 2025.

At their October 2025 online meeting, SC members reviewed and provided feedback to the draft work programme with final edits.

Other actions

During SC meetings held in 2025, other topics requiring SC endorsement were discussed:

Expansion and consolidation of the EDCTP Knowledge Hub

The SC members discussed, which actions of the Global Action Plan would be supported by the consolidation of the EDCTP Knowledge Hub and it was clarified that TGHN, which was hosted by the University of Oxford, is currently in a transitional phase towards a UN action. Following the

discussion, clarifications provided and input received, the call topic was endorsed by the SC.

Mobilisation of research funds in case of Public Health Emergencies

The SC members provided comments and feedback on the success of the MPox action and its results. Following a discussion on the mobilisation of research funds of Public Health Emergencies, the SC endorsed the call topic.

Contribution to the 12th EDCTP Forum

The Scientific Committee was involved in the preparation of the 12th EDCTP Forum and has mandated two SC members (Pablo Rojo and Juliet Nabyonya-Orem) to be part of the Forum Programme Committee. Furthermore, the SC members reviewed the abstracts for the presentations at the Forum.

The EDCTP Forum took place from June 15 to June 20, 2025, in Kigali, Rwanda, during which the SC members discussed the Work Programme 2026. Furthermore, the WHO global action plan for Clinical Trials Ecosystem strengthening and EDCTP3's contribution to this activity was endorsed, paving the way for an Identified beneficiary Action to support and consolidate the EDCTP Knowledge Hub.

Professor Harleen Grewal was elected as the new Chair. The SC members decided to have the previous chair Professor John Gyapong as a co-chair for the coming 6 months, to support the newly elected Chairperson.

At this meeting, the remainder of the new SC members were welcomed, and the leaving SC members were given a farewell by the Executive Director.

Relations with other Governance Bodies

In 2025, the SC Chair has participated as an observer in the meetings of the Stakeholders Group (SG) and the Governing Board (GB). The SC Chair has regularly updated the GB, by submitting the SC meeting reports and giving presentations during GB deliberations, especially on draft work programmes.

Both SC and SG Chairs continued to attend each other's meetings to ensure continued alignment of the scientific and strategic advice to the JU.

Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

At its 7th Meeting in March 2025, the SC was updated on the Programme Logic and Key Performance Indicators and gave written feedback on the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.



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Annexes

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