

30 September 2025

**Henning Gädeke
Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking
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1060 Brussels
Belgium**

Letter of Endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the South African Medical Research Council [Francie Van Zijl Drive, Parow, 7500, Cape Town], [VAT number 4890103718] 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).

The South African Medical Research Council is committed to advancing research, training, and innovation in global health, particularly in infectious diseases, in alignment with the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU. Our mission resonates strongly with the goals of building sustainable research capacity, strengthening collaboration between African and European partners, and ensuring evidence-based policy impact.

We are pleased to endorse and support the STEAM-3D project (Project number 101248991-2), led by Dr Tarylee Reddy at the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC), which directly addresses critical gaps in mathematical and statistical modelling capacity for infectious diseases in Sub-Saharan Africa. The proposal is strongly aligned with the Global Health EDCTP3 JU objectives and will have long-term impact through capacity building, policy engagement, long term sustainability through open source learning platforms and strengthening of South-South partnerships.

As the lead applicant on the project, the SAMRC will lead the coordination and management of the consortium (WP 2, 5 and 7); as well as the development and implementation of the first two training workshops (WP 3 and 4); partnership strengthening and collaboration (WP 11); and knowledge sharing and dissemination (WP 12, 13 and 14).

In order to underscore its firm commitment to the success of the STEAM-3D project, the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) will provide co-funding in the form of in-kind contributions with an estimated value of €379,227. These contributions will encompass the dedicated time and expertise of a project accountant, a communications officer, legal support services, and three specialist-level statisticians from the Biostatistics Research Unit over the three-year duration of the project. Furthermore, the SAMRC will provide the exclusive use of its Conference Centre, including fully equipped multimedia facilities, for all STEAM-3D workshops and annual meetings hosted in South Africa.



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 call conditions.
2. We will maintain strict confidentiality of all information received in the context of our involvement as a contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU, including but not limited to call topic preparation, proposal submission and evaluation, and consortium formation. Dissemination within our organisation will follow the “need-to-know” principle.
3. We are confident of our ability to fulfil the above commitments and acknowledge that the Global Health EDCTP3 JU will allocate resources to this 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. We will make application to the SAMRC executive management committee, the SAMRC Board and the relevant government department to which the SAMRC reports to obtain Ministerial approval as required in terms of Section 54 of the South African Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999.

We believe the STEAM-3D project will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of infectious disease modelling in Africa, ensuring sustainability, and strengthening South-South and North-South collaborations. [Organisation Name] is honoured to endorse and contribute to this important initiative.

Yours Sincerely,



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Professor Liesl Zühlke
Vice-President Extramural Research and Internal Portfolio
South African Medical Research Council



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