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Health Research Center**
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Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking

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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC), Manga CI, Nairobi, Kenya, 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 APHRC is a premier pan-African research institution dedicated to generating rigorous evidence, strengthening research capacity, and driving policy impact to advance health and development across the continent. Through its work, APHRC addresses some of Africa's most pressing health and population challenges while building sustainable capacity for African researchers and institutions. In alignment with the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking's commitment to fostering equitable partnerships, enhancing clinical research capacity, and advancing health innovation to reduce the burden of poverty-related and emerging diseases, APHRC places capacity strengthening, data governance, and cross-country collaboration at the heart of its mission.

APHRC's leadership in the ANTENNA consortium proposal, led by Dr. Agnes Kiragga, exemplifies this shared vision. The initiative will establish three regional hubs in Cameroon (Anglophone), Senegal (Francophone), and Guinea-Bissau (Lusophone) to advance training, mentorship, and research in epidemiology and biostatistics. As Scientific Coordinator, APHRC will harmonize Master's in Epidemiology and Biostatistics curricula across partner universities, integrate cutting-edge public health disciplines, including artificial intelligence, spatial epidemiology, and data governance, while also ensuring robust mentorship structures, secure data sharing, and multilingual dissemination. By leveraging its technical expertise, administrative capacity, and track record in multi-country coordination, APHRC will work with EDCTP3 and partners to ensure the success, sustainability, and long-term impact of this investment in Africa's public health research ecosystem.



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We estimate the total value of APHRC's in-kind contribution to be EUR 17,095 through free access to the DASSA and A-SEARCH platforms for the Masters students.

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.

Yours faithfully,

Joseph Gichuru

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Deputy Executive Director