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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir,

On behalf of Universidade Nova de Lisboa (UNL), through its organic unit NOVA Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (IHMT-NOVA), of CAMPUS DE CAMPOLIDE, LISBOA 1099 085 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).

Universidade Nova de Lisboa (UNL), through its organic unit NOVA Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (IHMT-NOVA) is proud to partner with the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) and is pleased to express its strong support for APHRC's application for HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-02-FELLOWSHIP award. APHRC will serve as the lead institution for the ANTENNA consortium and will draw on its experience in applied epidemiology, data science, multi-country coordination, and training, APHRC will guide the implementation of this capacity-building initiative.

IHMT-NOVA will be the EU partner, providing technical leadership in curriculum development, faculty mentorship, and integration of Portuguese-speaking partners. We have extensive experience working in Lusophone Africa and will support capacity building through supervision, online modules, and faculty exchanges, particularly with the University of Cabo Verde, the INASA and the Ministry of Health in Guinea Bissau. IHMT-NOVA will co-lead the Scientific Project Leadership work package and will participate actively in 3 other work packages. Specifically, we will:

- Lead EU-side collaboration, expertise, and technical input; we will oversee scientific governance ensuring alignment with strategic objectives, coordination among partners (namely Lusophone) and adherence to project timelines and deliverables and will participate in the selection and allocation of supervisors for fellows
- Support standardized curriculum development, namely in the choice of new core and elective courses and refine existing ones to incorporate emerging fields such as data science, AI, health informatics, and digital epidemiology

- Participate in identifying, documenting, and evaluating the public health datasets that are available within the institutions in Guinea Bissau and in developing the capabilities of supervisors and mentors through the design and delivery of specialized mentorship and effective supervision workshops in Portuguese
- Participate in the establishment of a structured mentorship program adapted to Lusophone context; we will take part in the progress of the Lusophone Fellows at 6, 12, and 24 months to gather updates on employment, research activities, and skill application. • Support Lusophone MSc capacity building

We estimate an additional commitment from own resources of EUR 53,508, corresponding to an in-kind contribution of EUR 28,508 related to personnel allocated to the project and 2 scholarships for students in Guinea-Bissau in the amount of EUR 12,500 each.

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.

We fully endorse this proposal and look forward to playing a key role in its implementation.

Yours sincerely,



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