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c/o

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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir,

On behalf of Heritage Alliance Ltd, registered at Arsenaalweg 15, 9700 Oudenaarde -Belgium, VAT number BE 1024.722.945 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).

Introduction to the organisation:

Heritage Alliance Ltd. is a Belgian SME specialising in health informatics, data sciences, and public health research innovation. We share common objectives with the Global Health EDCTP3 JU in strengthening Africa–Europe collaboration, enhancing equitable capacity building, and advancing data-driven solutions for infectious disease preparedness, surveillance, and modelling. We have long-standing partnerships across Africa through projects such as LAISDAR project Rwanda (funded by IDRC Canada), DRIVE-TB Rwanda (funded by Johnson & Johnson Foundation), and the BRIDGE NETWORK project (funded by ECDTP3 JU), which contribute to the digital health data ecosystem and workforce development in sub-Saharan Africa.

Contribution to Global Health EDCTP3 JU

Heritage Alliance Ltd. proposes to contribute as an **In-Kind Operational Partner (IKOP)** to the **EpiScientia Network Training Project (101248753-1)** submitted under the call *HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-02-FELLOW-01-two-stage*. Our in-kind support is fully integrated into the project's operational framework and directly enhances the quality, scope, and sustainability of training activities in biostatistics, epidemiology, and infectious disease modelling.

Our contribution consists of:

- Seconded personnel: 30 person-months over 60 months (0.5 FTE) of senior data scientists and informatics experts, valued at €143,000 plus overhead.
- Equipment and internally invoiced services: €178,750, covering servers, workstations, and technical support for NPHI-based health data infrastructures.
- Federated Data Network Access: €99,012 plus overhead, providing access to the Rwanda Legacy Network from the LAISDAR project, which includes >3 million unique patient records harmonised under the OMOP Common Data Model (CDM). This includes secure gateway installation, user accounts, and SSH access for up to 37 fellows.

The total estimated value of this contribution is €302,515 over the 60-month project duration.

Relevance and added value

This contribution provides fellows and NPHI staff with direct, hands-on access to **real**-world, harmonised African health data, building advanced competencies in infectious disease epidemiology, biostatistics, and modelling. By embedding secondments, digital infrastructure, and federated data access from inception, our support ensures:

- Maximisation of training impact by aligning with Africa CDC's Public Health Workforce Development Framework.
- Long-term sustainability through technology transfer and local capacity building.
- Effective leverage of Global Health EDCTP3 JU funding by enabling cost-sharing of infrastructure and personnel.

We believe this in-kind partnership represents significant added value for the Global Health EDCTP3 JU, catalysing stronger research synergies and supporting Africa's preparedness against epidemics and pandemics.

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.



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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 kindly request the Governing Board's approval of Heritage Alliance Ltd. as a contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU.

Yours faithfully,

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