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RE: Letter of endorsement: Global EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (JU)

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE), Butaro, Rwanda 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) entitled "Global collaborative action for strengthening the Regional Networks of Excellence and Epidemic Preparedness Consortia"

The University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) has a significant impact on global health through its innovative educational programs, innovative research initiatives, collaborative and multi-sectoral partnerships in strengthening the global health workforce and promoting equitable access to quality healthcare, aiming to address health disparities and strengthening epidemic preparedness and response to disease prevention and control. UGHE's key deliverables include training future global health leaders, focusing on equity, innovation, and community impact, applied biosocial approach, combining clinical knowledge with social sciences, leadership, and management skills and fostering collaborations to improve health outcomes, particularly in resource-limited settings.

UGHE is committed to One health approach community-based education and engagement, and research initiatives address critical health challenges and contribute to the evidence base/ generating knowledge decision making, and policy changes and solutions for improving health systems and systemic change. The UGHE team is strongly committed to advancing this mission by catalyzing research synergies through training and mentorship in clinical trials, research and epidemic preparedness programs (WP4), and collaboration; assessment of institutional and system-level clinical research and trails leadership and governance capacity needs and implementation (WP3) in public health emergencies analysis to foster One Health approach co-design and co-participation in clinical trials and research for vaccines and treatments safety and efficacy aligned with GCLP standards (WP6); and strengthening regional networks of excellence in epidemic preparedness and response partnership and collaboration (WP12). Additionally, the team will support capacity building in ethics, regulatory oversight, and pharmacovigilance (WP8-9), while also enhancing laboratory and data systems across partner institutions to bolster clinical research infrastructure. The University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) boasts a modern campus in Butaro, Rwanda, designed to support its educational and research mission. Key infrastructure include: **The Institute of Global Health Equity Research** fostering a robust environment for research excellence.

The Centre for One Health leading One Health training, research, and community engagement activities, recognizing the inextricable links between the health of humans, animals and their shared environment by integrative effort of multiple disciplines and sectors working locally, nationally and globally to achieve evidence-based and community-placed solutions to complex health challenges. **The Innovation Centre** supporting translation of ideas into practice, fostering partnerships, and encouraging students to develop solutions for global health challenge; and a **Health and Demographic Surveillance Site (HDSS)** providing a platform for community-based research, gathering longitudinal data on the population and linking health facility data systems. UGHE also has a Simulation and Skills Centre for hands-on clinical skills through simulation-based training, with potential added value for the achievement of the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU].

Key facilities include Modern classrooms feature flat-screen monitors, Wi-Fi connectivity, whiteboards, and movable furniture to facilitate learning, Campus Kitchen provides students with dining services and opportunities for hospitality training. UGHE has invested in its power infrastructure to ensure a consistent energy supply for the campus, while leveraging on PIH clinical sites and Butaro Cancer Centre of Excellence in supporting its common objectives with Global Health EDCTP3 JU, estimate the total value of this contribution to be EUR 4.1 million in-kind.

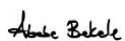
We confirm the following:

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 particularly 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 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 authorized by Global Health EDCTP3 JU. Internal dissemination of information within our organization will be done based on 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 are confident that this partnership will make a lasting impact on regional health security and equitable access to research-driven innovations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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