



FONDATION CONGOLAISE POUR LA RECHERCHE MEDICALE

To the Chair of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking Governing Board

c/o Dr Michael MAKANGA
Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking
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Belgium

Monday 11th August 2025

Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the **Fondation Congolaise pour la Recherche Médicale** registered N°: R.D.A. 324/08MATD/DGAT/DER/SAG, Villa D6, Cité OMS, Djoue, Brazzaville, Republic of Congo 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 Fondation Congolaise pour la Recherche Médicale (FCRM) www.fcrm-congo.com was created as a legal entity in 2008 to address the issue of the limited number of Congolese scientists conducting health research activities in the Republic of Congo. FCRM is an independent non-governmental institution. The foundation has a collaboration agreement with both the Congolese Ministry of Public Health and Ministry of Science and Technology, as well as the two public universities, University Marien Ngouabi and university Sassou Nguesso.

Regionally, FCRM coordinates the **Central Africa clinical research Network** (CANTAM), a network of excellence aiming to develop capacities for clinical research on infectious diseases in Central African institutions (Gabon, Dem Rep of Congo, Cameroon including Zambia) with the support of European countries (The Netherlands, Germany, United Kingdom) and the **PANDORA-ID-net** consortium aiming at strengthening partners to preparedness and rapid response to outbreaks of infectious diseases in Africa which involves institutions in West Africa (Ghana, Sierra Leone, Nigeria), Central Africa (Gabon, Rep of Congo) South (Zambia) and East Africa



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(Tanzania, Sudan Uganda). Both consortia are funded by the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP).

FCRM contribution : Specifics of proposed involvement in project PRESERVE (Preparedness, Research and Surveillance Network for Infectious Diseases in Central Africa) areas : **Workpackage1** and **Workpackage 3** including lab equipment (RT PCRs and Thermal cyclers and GeneXpert and MGIT) for samples analysis, Driver and vehicle for field studies, electricity and water cost facilities.

We estimate the total value of this contribution to be EUR 100,000 corresponding to in-kind contributions for € 20,000 euros/year.

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.



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Yours faithfully,

August 11th, 2025, Clem MAKITA, Administrative and Finance Manager

