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PRESERVE - Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir,

On behalf of PANTHER, 2-10 rue d'Oradour-sur-Glane, 75015 Paris, France, 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).

PANTHER was established in 2023 after crude lessons learned from the COVID pandemic where a group of researchers from 13 African countries, EU and Switzerland experienced the challenges of conducting rapid pre-approval research during an outbreak, as part of the pandemic response and led by African stakeholders. After a large consultation conducted in 2022 and 2023, the value of an open network led by African scientists and specially focused on research in the context of an outbreak was highlighted. With a solid African public health-led Board of Directors, and associated leading European research institutions, PANTHER aims to collaborate with in-country researchers to establish the grounds for rapid innovative research in the context of an outbreak and ultimately to contribute to the general 2063 New Public Health Order vision for the continent. PANTHER aims at demonstrating the relevance of African-led clinical research to develop medical counter measures (e.g. for Lassa Fever, mpox, ...) and conducting the associated training of health workers on pandemic preparedness research.

PANTHER's contributions to Global Health EDCTP3 JU includes: solidifying PPR stakeholders mapping in 5 countries by integrating clinical research key players – together with FCRM, INOHA, Zambia-NPHI and Africa CDC, designing an adaptive clinical protocol, and developing additional elements for the PPR toolbox (WP1 from M1-18) as well as implementing a Train-the-Trainer Programme on Clinical Research (part of WP2). Through its previous experience with them, PANTHER will facilitate processes with WHO-AVAREF and the new AMA in support of regulatory and ethical reviews during outbreaks.



Overall, PANTHER, which has an MoU with Africa CDC, will facilitate coordination between PRESERVE and other regional initiatives, including other EDCTP-supported networks and consortia to avoid duplication and promote synergy efforts on PPR and its research tools.

We estimate the total value of this contribution to be EUR 1'125'000, with a total of EUR 725'000 directly to PANTHER plus a corresponding EUR 120'000 in-kind contribution and EUR 400'000 for Africa CDC providing access to additional larger in-kind contribution from this key continental institutional stakeholder.

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,

Dr Nathalie Strub Wourgaft,

General Delegate

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