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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of University Joseph KI-ZERBO (UJKZ) at 09 BP 168 OUAGADOUGOU 09, 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).

Founded in 1974, the University Joseph KI-ZERBO (UJKZ) is dedicated to conducting cutting-edge research that addresses both national and global health challenges. The university is also committed to training and strengthening the capacities of African researchers and health professionals to tackle complex health issues across the continent. These goals align closely with the mission of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (JU), which promotes collaborative research and capacity building to reinforce health systems in Africa. Both institutions share a common vision with United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3 (UN SDG 3): to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

UJKZ is a key member of a consortium—alongside the University of Ghana and the Norwegian Institute of Public Health (NIPH)—working collaboratively on a project aimed at building the capacity of health professionals in field epidemiology, biostatistics, and laboratory leadership across Africa.

As part of this initiative, UJKZ will train ten (10) health professionals from sub-Saharan Africa through a two-year, competency-based fellowship program. To support the program's implementation, UJKZ will provide substantial in-kind contributions, including:

- Access to buildings and lecture rooms with modern amenities
- High-quality training equipment
- High-speed internet connectivity
- Furniture and a dedicated generator to mitigate frequent power outages in the region

The university's administrative building includes seven offices equipped with high-performance computers and office equipment. Additionally, UJKZ will contribute staff time and salaries for personnel assigned to the EDCTP project.

The Burkina Faso Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program (BFELTP) will also engage key regional and international partners—including the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of Burkina Faso, the Regional Center for Animal Health, the West African Health Organization (WAHO), AFENET, CDC, and TEPHINET—to provide technical support. BFELTP will maintain the TEPHINET quality label for its training programs.

The fellowship's first year will focus on didactic lectures delivered by distinguished professors, covering core topics such as epidemiology, biostatistics, and laboratory leadership. The second year will emphasize practical training in disease surveillance, outbreak investigation, data analysis, research, and thesis writing.

To ensure a conducive learning environment, fellows will be housed in a secure residential facility with high-speed internet, promoting interaction with Ghanaian and international students. This arrangement is designed to minimize logistical challenges and allow fellows to concentrate fully on their academic and professional development.

The estimated equipment and administrative costs as well as other support outlined above as in-kind contribution reflect the rental value the university would charge if the facilities were leased externally. The value of this contribution is estimated at one hundred and thirty-five thousand, one hundred and sixteen (135,116) EUR in total with an annual estimate of sixty-seven, five hundred fifty eight (67, 558) EUR.

With its extensive experience in training students from across the sub-region, University Joseph KI-ZERBO is well-positioned to ensure the success of this project and contribute meaningfully to the goals of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU.

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,



For the Program Director and P/O

The Master's Coordinator


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