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Letter of endorsement

**RE: Participation in the project β IOSTATISTICS AND EPIDEMIOLOGY TRAINING HUBS
IN WEST AFRICA – (β ETA-Hubs) submitted under the HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-
02-two-stage (HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-02-two-stage call)**

Dear Dr Gädeke and Dr. Makanga,

On behalf of The Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Oxford” at the University Offices (University of Oxford, UOXF), based at Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JD, United Kingdom, (VAT registration GB125506730) 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 Nuffield Department of Medicine (NDM, www.ndm.ox.ac.uk) at the University of Oxford is a world-leader in global health with significant contributions through research, innovation, teaching, and capacity building. Within the Department, the Centre for Tropical Medicine and

Global Health brings together 14 different infectious disease research units in Oxford, Africa, and Southeast Asia, and currently hosts the two groups who are part of this application: The **Infectious Diseases Data Observatory (IDDO)** and **MSc in International Health and Tropical Medicine (MSc in IHTM)**.

The Infectious Diseases Data Observatory (IDDO) based within the University of Oxford, led by Prof. Philippe J Guerin, has a world-leading expertise in the collection, standardisation, and meta-analysis of individual patient data (IPD) for a range of infectious diseases, in particular for malaria through the work of the WorldWide Antimalarial Resistance Network (WWARN) since 2009. IDDO/WWARN holds the largest repository of clinical, molecular, pharmacological, and in vitro malaria IPD freely available for re-use, generates evidence-based guidance used by the WHO to shape antimalarial treatment policies towards better control and efficacy, and leads surveillance projects on antimalarial drug resistance including the MARC-SE project funded by the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking under the European Union's Horizon Europe programme to monitor and model resistance in Southern and Eastern Africa. IDDO/WWARN also developed and maintains the Clinical Trials library database for malaria and several neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) to address drug resistance and provide free guidance, visualization tools, and training to identify research gaps and enhance understanding of antimalarial drug resistance, aiding clinical trial development and research analysis. IDDO has a long history of mentoring, supporting and capacity strengthening as one of the Training Partner Organization (TPO) for the WHO/TDR's Clinical Research Leadership fellowship.

The **MSc in International Health & Tropical Medicine**, led by Prof. Proochista Ariana, is a one-year full-time multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary programme that prepares students to understand and respond to major global health challenges, particularly in resource-limited settings. The course provides foundational skills in core public health specialties, including epidemiology and statistics and places strong emphasis on critical appraisal of evidence, ethical equity in health, interdisciplinary teamwork, practical research skills and soft skills like communication, leadership, and stakeholder engagement.

The lead applicants on the call from UOXF, **Dr. Prabin Dahal** heads the statistics and sciences team at IDDO and is a teaching fellow in biostatistics with MSc in IHTM, and **Dr. Aisha Adamu** leads the Epidemiology and biostatistics module within the MSc. Dr. Dahal and Prof. Ariana are the fellows of Higher Education Academy of the UK and have a long experience in course development, pedagogy training, mentorship, and supervision



Along with contributions from other colleagues who are part of the project, we estimate the total value of this in-kind contribution to be at least EUR 10,320.00 for UOXF. This includes an in-kind contribution of approx. 5% FTE per named participants from UOXF during the duration of the project (4 years), amounting to an estimated 12 person-months. Further in-kind support is provided by UOXF includes use of IDDO data repository for potential MSc dissertations and further statistical mentorship and supervision. In particular, Prof. Ariana and Prof Guerin from UOXF are respectively providing in-kind contributions to the project by mentoring, supervising and providing strategic directions on the project, and Dr. Adamu is providing 10% FTE in-kind towards the project. Overall, these in-kind contributions are estimated to be at least 20% quantifiable in-kind contributions made by UOXF.

UOXF will lead the work packages related to faculty pedagogy training (WP8), curriculum development design, pilot, and review (WP9), continuous knowledge exchange and community of practice (WP14), responsible data use and reproducible research (WP15), and ethics (WP16). The specific activities to be undertaken as part of these work packages includes reviewing the existing MPH curriculum at partner universities in Nigeria and Liberia, organising pedagogy and curriculum training for the partner members, and contributing to the teaching, supervision and mentorship for members of the consortium as outlined across the work packages.

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.

βETA-Hubs is a vital initiative which is led-by African academic institutions. The initiative will develop core quantitative skillsets and scientific training in the region to develop next generation African statisticians/epidemiologists and scientists in the region. The University of Oxford and the NDM are fully committed to supporting this mission through the provisions and in-kind contributions listed. We look forward to collaborating with partners across countries and institutions to implement the deliver successfully on the objectives of this project.

Yours faithfully,



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