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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Department of Parasitology of the Faculty of Medicine, Pharmacy & Odontology (FMPO) based at the University Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD) Dakar Fann PO 5005, 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).

UCAD is a large, public university registered on February 24, 1957, with over 80 0000 students. **The Department of Parasitology hosts the Keur Soce HDSS member of the INDEPTH network and is under the Faculty of Medicine**, which is the oldest and largest faculty in UCAD. UCAD has a Scientific Council with responsibility for research across the university; the research policy is in line with the national priorities, with the main objectives to promote research and scientific culture. The Department of Parasitology at the Faculty of Medicine, Pharmacy & Odontology (**DP FMPO**) is specialized in Parasitic research, mainly Malaria & Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), and has contributed to the driving of health & social policies by providing research evidence to the national authorities. Many of its research programs contribute to the training of young scientists, such as the current Malaria Research and Capacity Development in West & Central Africa (**MARCAD Plus**).

In the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint U, the **DP FMPO** will contribute with its research and training sites based in Dakar and in HDSS Keur Soce member of the INDEPTH Network.

Within the SINCEP-**AFRICA**, **THE DP FMPO WILL BE INVOLVED IN MALARIA AND NTDS CLINICAL RESEARCH, SURVEILLANCE, AND CAPACITY BUILDING** WITH Prof Babacar Faye and his team.

WP 3: Epidemic preparedness, Disease surveillance, and population health, as contributor **WP6:** Socio-cultural Research, Community Engagement, and Economic Evaluation for Implementation as **Co-leader**, **WP8:** Capacity strengthening and training as **Co-leader**, and **WP1:** in the aspects of Partnership & networking, as well as in communication as **Contributor**.

We estimate the total value in kind and financial contributions of the DP FMPO and its sites in Dakar and Keur Soce at 600,000 Euros

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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,



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Oumar GAYE, Professor of Parasitology

Director of MARCAD Plus

Responsible for the Keur Soce Research & Training centre