



THE GENERAL DIRECTOR

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To,

**[Chair of the Global Health
EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking Governing Board]
c/o [Executive Director of the Global Health
EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking]**

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Subject: Letter of endorsement.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the National Institute of Public Health - Côte d'Ivoire, Abidjan-Plateau, and following Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 of 19 November 2021 establishing Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe, particularly Article 9, I hereby apply to become a contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (Global Health EDCTP3 JU).

As part of its public service mission, INSP-Côte d'Ivoire is responsible for:

- Participating in the establishment and management of health databases,
- Undertaking public health research with a medical and community focus,
- Ensuring continuous public health training for all health protection stakeholders,
- Developing innovative models for public health care, services, and expertise.

These missions are achieved through several initiatives.

The National Institute of Public Health of Côte d'Ivoire has an e-learning centre with five training platforms and qualified personnel. It also hosts the first Super Hub of the ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) Program, an innovative online mentoring-based learning model. This model enhances access to care by updating medical knowledge, particularly in remote or resource-limited regions. Through this hub, the INSP has established major initiatives that are key assets.

Thus, over 3,000 healthcare providers have been trained on HIV, 10,000 on COVID-19, and 850 in the framework of the Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR). Additionally, the Medical Biology Laboratory of INSP, accredited ISO 15189, along with the Centre for Research and Fight against Malaria, supports the National Malaria Control Program and the HIV/AIDS Control Program by participating in their clinical trials.

INSP will therefore make this expertise available to the project and will also engage in the community component and epidemiological surveillance related to the project.

1. We estimate the total value of this contribution at 796 375 EUR.

2. We confirm the following point:

- 2.1 We will comply with Regulation (EU) No 2021/695 concerning Horizon Europe; Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 of the Council establishing joint undertakings under Horizon Europe; the standard Horizon Europe grant agreement; and the applicable rules of the EDCTP3 Global Health Joint Undertaking, including the relevant work programmes and, in particular, the call conditions specified therein.
- 2.2 We shall maintain the confidentiality of all information received in our capacity as a contributing partner to the EDCTP3 Global Health. This confidentiality obligation applies, but is not limited to, the preparation and publication of the EDCTP3 Global Health call for proposals, the submission and evaluation of proposals, as well as the formation of the consortium. We also understand that this obligation strictly prohibits the disclosure of confidential information to any legal entity, except with the express authorisation of EDCTP3 Global Health. The internal dissemination of information within our organisation will be governed by the principle of "need to know."
3. We are confident in our ability to honour the above commitments and also confirm that EDCTP3 Global Health will allocate resources to the aforementioned subject based on these commitments.
4. The total amount of our contribution will be calculated based on the costs, as specified in Article 6 of the Horizon Europe grant agreement model.
5. We agree that further arrangements concerning the provision of our contribution may be outlined in subsequent agreements or documents, such as a funding agreement and a topic description.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. William YAVO