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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of University of Ghana, at JB Danquah Road, Off J.J Rawlings Avenue, P.O. Box LG 25, Legon, Accra, Greater Accra Region, Ghana with Digital Address: GA-488-7076, VAT number V0004955722 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 1948, the University of Ghana prioritizes conducting cutting-edge research that addresses both national and global health challenges. It is equally committed to training and developing the next generation of African researchers and health professionals. These objectives align seamlessly with those of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (JU), which supports collaborative research aimed at improving health outcomes and strengthening health systems across Africa through capacity building. Collectively, the goals of the University of Ghana and the Global Health EDCTP3 JU are strongly aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3 (UN SDG 3): to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

The extensive experience and expertise over the years provides potential added value for the achievement of the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU in sub-Saharan Africa.

Specifics of proposed involvement for example: project areas, work packages, deliverables, topics/entities to be funded.]

Project area	Work package	Deliverables	Entities to be funded
Accelerating development and integration of therapeutics against Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in sub-Saharan Africa	Tuberculosis		Research and Innovation Action (RIA)

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Creating a sustainable clinical trial network for infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa	Research capacities, networking and training (Coordination and Support Actions)		Coordination and Support Action (CSA)
Genomic epidemiology for surveillance and control of poverty-related and emerging/re-emerging infections in sub-Saharan Africa	Emerging/re-emerging infectious diseases		Research and Innovation Action (RIA)
Global Health EDCTP3 Training Networks – Clinical Research Fellowships	Research capacities, networking and training (Coordination and Support Actions)		Coordination and Support Action (CSA)
Improving modes of delivery, deployment, and uptake of vaccines through phase iv/implementation research	Malaria		Research and Innovation Action (RIA)
Strengthening ethics and regulatory capacity	Research capacities, networking and training (Coordination and Support Actions)		Coordination and Support Action (CSA)
Research on existing Malaria vaccines and development of new promising candidates	Malaria		Research and Innovation Action (RIA)

We propose to contribute to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU through in-kind operational contributions over a five-year period, focused on leveraging our established longitudinal population cohort to support multi-country clinical research, surveillance, and capacity building. This contribution will include access to anonymized health and demographic data, provision of field research infrastructure, hosting of clinical and epidemiological studies, and deployment of trained research staff to Global Health EDCTP3 JU-funded projects. Our involvement will add value by enabling real-time population-level monitoring, facilitating rapid participant recruitment, and providing a platform for evaluating novel interventions in real-world African settings.”

We estimate the total value of our in-kind contribution to be **EUR 500,000** over five years towards shared research infrastructure and training initiatives, distributed evenly across the duration of the partnership.

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,

ALFRED EDWIN YAWSON

August 29, 2025, Professor Alfred Edwin Yawson (Ag. Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research, Innovation and Development)
