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Re: Subject: Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Makerere University School of Public Health (MakSPH), located at Mulago Hill, P.O. Box 7072, Kampala, Uganda, VAT No: 1000031079, and in accordance with Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 of 19 November 2021 establishing the joint undertakings under Horizon Europe and, specifically Article 9 therein, I hereby submit an application for MakSPH to become a contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (Global Health EDCTP3 JU).

MakSPH is one of the oldest public health training institutions in Sub-Saharan Africa. The School has contributed significantly to the advancement of global health goals in Africa through cutting-edge research, implementation science, and capacity-building initiatives. Its mission to improve population health and wellbeing through multidisciplinary education, research, and service directly aligns with the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU, particularly the acceleration of development and equitable access to innovative health technologies, and strengthening of research capacities across sub-Saharan Africa.

MakSPH proposes to contribute to the EDCTP3 JU through In-Kind Contributions to Operational Activities (IKOP). These will include provision of research infrastructure, mentorship and co-supervision of fellows, data sharing, policy translation expertise, and collaborative implementation of clinical and implementation research projects. These contributions are envisioned over an initial period of three (3) years, with a strong potential for sustained collaboration. The School's engagement will support the EDCTP3 JU mission by enhancing Africa-led research, building resilient health systems, and fostering a pipeline of skilled public health researchers. MakSPH's planned contributions are relevant to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU (draft) topics discussed with the JU including: Fellowship programmes for African scientists and.

Specifically, MakSPH will contribute to several work packages including provision of scientific leadership and coordination of project implementation (WP 2); recruiting fellows into training programmes (WP 3); and facilitating the delivery of tailored training modules focused on critical public health competencies (WP 4 and WP 5). The School will further contribute to communication, policy engagement, and dissemination of outputs (WP 9), while also supporting institutional capacity strengthening to ensure long-term sustainability and impact (WP 10 and WP 11).

We estimate the total value of this in-kind contribution to be **EUR 750,000** over a three-year period covering academic staff time, research infrastructure, training delivery, mentorship, and supervision.

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,



Prof. Rhoda K. Wanyenze
Professor and Dean,
Makerere University School of Public Health

