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## Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Institut de santé et développement (ISED) at Cheikh Anta Diop University (UCAD), Avenue Cheikh Anta Diop, Box 5005 Dakar, Senegal and in accordance with Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 of 19<sup>th</sup> 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).

ISED is responsible for: training doctors, veterinary surgeons, pharmacists, odontostomatologists specializing in public health, performing functions of animation, retraining and updating of knowledge, contributing to the continuing education of health professionals or of all those interested in health development, to promote public health research directed towards the identification of the factors and components of health development, the choice of the means to be implemented to contribute to it, and the evaluation of the actions undertaken. It can also contribute to the training and development of the various categories of medical, graduate or auxiliary personnel in the disciplines of public health and social medicine.

In this capacity, the ISED has created a diploma of specialized studies (DES) of public health, a master in public health with 6 options (epidemiology, monitoring and evaluation of health services, nutrition and health economics, Clinical Research and Environmental Health) and a PhD in Public Health. ISED, in partnership with the University of Andalusia, was conducting a diploma in sexual and reproductive health (master's level). As part of the in-service training, ISED hosts the National Malaria Course organized by WHO and the NMCP with funding from the Global Fund against Malaria, Tuberculosis and AIDS.

As part of our longstanding commitment to strengthening public health research capacity in sub-Saharan Africa, ISED is pleased to contribute to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU Strategic Training Hubs for Fellowships in Public Health, focusing on Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Modelling.



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Our contribution includes both in-kind operational (IKOP) and financial contributions (FC) over the duration of the project.

This initiative aligns strongly with our institutional priorities in health research and training, and offers significant added value to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU by leveraging our expertise in advanced training, mentorship, and regional coordination.

This contribution is aligned with the Global Health EDCTP3 JU topic on strategic capacity building through regional training hubs, particularly supporting the development of a critical mass of skilled researchers in public health disciplines.

Our involvement responds directly to priorities discussed with the JU regarding equitable access to fellowship opportunities, high-quality mentorship, and sustainable institutional leadership in Africa.

ISED will play a leading role in the implementation of Work Package 3: Selection & Recruitment

As WP lead, we will coordinate the transparent and equitable selection of fellows across participating countries and institutions, based on agreed criteria and regional needs.

In addition, we will act as co-lead partner in the following work packages:

WP4- Monitoring of Fellows Training: We will co-develop and implement tools for the continuous monitoring of fellows' learning milestones, project performance, and professional development.

WP5- Mentorship & Supervision Arrangements: We will mobilize experienced faculty and researchers to provide structured mentorship and support to fellows.

WP6- Coordination of Masters Research Projects: We will support fellows in developing and implementing high-quality research protocols aligned with national and regional priorities.

WP9- Communication, Engagement & Dissemination: We will support the visibility of the hub's activities through outreach, stakeholder engagement, and dissemination of results.

We estimate the total value of this contribution to be EUR [114,442]. But this is only an in-kind contribution

In-kind contributions cover Academic Human Resources, Support Staff, Infrastructure and Services (See details in the second column, Description).

| Category                    | Description                                                                                                                                                                  | Amount (€) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Academic Human Resources | Time dedicated by UCAD professors: teaching, supervision, mentoring, monitoring of fellows, review of assignments, abstracts and manuscripts, revision of theses and reports | 89,197 €   |
| 2. Support Staff            | Administrative and support staff for the project                                                                                                                             | 10,000 €   |



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| Category                       | Description                                                                | Amount (€) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 3. Infrastructure and Services | Training space for fellows, Internet access, data access, other facilities | 15,245 €   |

These efforts reflect our lead (WP3) and co-lead (WP4-6,9) responsibilities in the following work packages. The following table summarizes UCAD's estimated in-kind contribution per work package"

| WP                                              | Duration  | Main activities                                         | In-kind contribution (€) | Contribution details                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| WP3 – Selection & Recruitment                   | 5 months  | Selection and recruitment of fellows                    | €7,159                   | Professors' time (teaching, supervision), administrative staff                                      |
| WP4 – Monitoring of Fellows Training            | 24 months | Monitoring fellows' progress, mentoring, review of work | €28,673                  | Professors: monitoring and mentoring, administrative staff, training space, Internet, data access   |
| WP5 – Mentorship & Supervision Arrangements     | 24 months | Mentoring, supervision of fellows, manuscript review    | €42,950                  | Professors: mentoring, supervision, review of work; administrative staff; shared space and services |
| WP6 – Coordination of Masters Research Projects | 24 months | Review of theses, reports, project monitoring           | €50,100                  | Professors: review of theses and reports; administrative staff; shared space and services           |
| WP9 – Communication, Engagement & Dissemination | 24 months | Communication and engagement                            | €14,560                  | Professors and staff: preparation and dissemination; use of infrastructure and Internet             |



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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,

[Date, name and signature of the authorised representative]

25 July 2025, Ibrahima Seck  
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