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c/o Michael Makanga - Executive Director (Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking)
Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking
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25/08/2025

Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of **Sydney Brenner Institute for Molecular Bioscience, University of the Witwatersrand** I am writing to express my support for the EPIDEMIC Fellowship Training Programme and to confirm my willingness to participate as a **mentor** for fellows during the two-year programme period.

The EPIDEMIC Fellowship aims to strengthen capacity in epidemiology, biostatistics, and health economics across sub-Saharan Africa through structured training and applied research. In this context, I, Brandenburg, Jean-Tristan, Wits university, commit to contributing in-kind to the programme by serving as a mentor for one or more fellows. My role will be to provide scientific guidance, career mentorship, and feedback on research progress in complement to the fellow's primary supervisor, who will oversee day-to-day technical activities.

The expected commitment will involve approximately **6–8 interactions per year over a two-year period**, primarily through virtual meetings, representing an estimated **in-kind contribution of EUR 1600 per year**. This value reflects the cost of professional time contributed, calculated in line with the provisions of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.

This contribution is fully consistent with the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking, and I am committed to ensuring that fellows receive the mentorship and support needed to complete high-quality research aligned with institutional and national priorities.

I confirm compliance with the Horizon Europe Regulation (EU) No 2021/695; Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021; the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement; and all applicable Global Health EDCTP3 JU rules.

I am pleased to support this initiative and look forward to contributing to the success of the EPIDEMIC Fellowship Programme.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Jean-Tristan Brandenburg

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26 August 2025

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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of **SBIMB, University of the Witwatersrand**, I am writing to express my support for the EPIDEMIC Fellowship Training Programme and to confirm my willingness to participate as a **supervisor/mentor** for fellows during the two-year programme period.

The EPIDEMIC Fellowship aims to strengthen capacity in epidemiology, biostatistics, and health economics across sub-Saharan Africa through structured training and applied research. In this context, I, **Luicer Anne Ingasia Olubayo**, commit to contributing in-kind to the programme by serving as a mentor for one or more fellows. My role will be to provide scientific guidance, career mentorship, and feedback on research progress in complement to the fellow's primary supervisor, who will oversee day-to-day technical activities.

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Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the **Sydney Brenner Institute for Molecular Bioscience at the University of the Witwatersrand, 9 Jubilee Road, Parktown, Johannesburg, South Africa** 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).

The Sydney Brenner Institute for Molecular Bioscience (SBIMB) is a leading institute in genomics and bioinformatics and is primarily focused on applying cutting-edge approaches to understand the molecular and genetic contributions to health and disease in African populations. A major focal area of the institute is capacity development, particularly in providing opportunities for young researchers and scientists to build computational skills. We are involved in various multi-disciplinary initiatives across Africa, including the Data Science for Health Discovery and Innovation in Africa (DS-I Africa) and the eLwazi Open Data Science Platform initiatives, which aim to create a network of African scientists and resources capable of leveraging computational approaches to address pertinent public health challenges in the continent. The SBIMB has extensive experience in high performance computing, workflow development and big data analysis.

As a partner of the EPIDEMIC Fellowship Training Programme we commit to contributing towards the presentation of **Work Package 9 (Practice-Based Learning - Application of Computational Thinking and Bioinformatics)**. This work package will be presented in the form of a 10-week training course during year 1 of the program and aims to provide fellows with an in-depth exposure to the use of computational tools and resources to uncover new insights from large complex datasets. The work package will be developed in partnership with other partners to complement and align with the overall outcomes and competencies of the fellowship program. The SBIMB will also provide access for the fellows to the University of the Witwatersrand's high performance computing cluster and expert mentorship and guidance from SBIMB researchers.

We estimate the total value of this contribution to be EUR 23 500 (in-kind) for year 1.

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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