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THIS SUBJECT PLEASE QUOTE: **MGT/L056/04/09/2024**



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH
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25th August, 2025

Henning Gädeke - Chair (Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking Governing Board)
c/o Michael Makanga - Executive Director (Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking)
Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking
56 – 60 Avenue de la Toison d'Or
1060 Brussels
Belgium

Dear Sir/Madam,

Letter of endorsement

On behalf of the **Department of National Health Laboratory and Diagnostic Services – Ministry of Health Uganda**, I am writing to express my support for the EPIDEMIC Fellowship Training Programme and to confirm my willingness to participate as a **member of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)** over the two-year programme period.

The EPIDEMIC Fellowship aims to strengthen research capacity in epidemiology, biostatistics, and health economics in sub-Saharan Africa by equipping fellows with advanced methodological skills and providing them with mentored, applied research opportunities. In this context, I, the **Laboratory director – Directorate of National Health Laboratory and Diagnostic Services (NHLDS) – Ministry of Health Uganda and the chair of Laboratory directors for Africa (LabDF)** commit to contributing in-kind to the programme by serving as a member of the SAB. My role will include:

1. Supporting and advising the Fellowship's Technical Working Group in the development and delivery of programme content through participation in bi-annual advisory board meetings.
2. Acting as a reviewer and discussant at annual fellow presentation sessions, providing constructive feedback on fellows' research progress and outputs.

The expected commitment will involve approximately **4–6 interactions over the two-year period**, primarily through virtual participation, representing an estimated in-kind contribution of **EUR 2,000**. This figure reflects the value of professional time contributed, calculated in line with the provisions of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.

This contribution is aligned with the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking, and I am committed to ensuring the programme delivers high-quality training and mentorship for the next generation of public health researchers. 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.

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

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Nabadda'.

Dr Susan Nabadda Ndidde

Laboratory Director – Department of National Health Laboratory and Diagnostic Services

Ministry of health Uganda

Chair of Laboratory Directors Forum (LabDF) for Africa



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The EPIDEMIC Fellowship aims to strengthen research capacity in epidemiology, biostatistics, and health economics in sub-Saharan Africa by equipping fellows with advanced methodological skills and providing them with mentored, applied research opportunities. In this context, I, **Dr Musa Rally Manganye, Director HIV & AIDS, Treatment, Care and Support, National Department of Health**, commit to contributing in-kind to the programme by serving as a member of the SAB. My role will include:

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2. Acting as a reviewer and discussant at annual fellow presentation sessions, providing constructive feedback on fellows' research progress and outputs.

The expected commitment will involve approximately the maximum of **6 interactions over the two-year period**, primarily through virtual participation, representing an estimated value of EUR1500. This figure reflects the value of professional time contributed, calculated in line with the provisions of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.

This contribution is aligned with the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking, and I am committed to ensuring the programme delivers high-quality training and mentorship for the next generation of public health researchers. 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 share my endorsement for Dr Manganye in principle to enable HE2RO to proceed with the application process. However, the final approval shall be determined by the Director General for Health upon the formal submission at the later stage. I look forward to contributing to the success of the EPIDEMIC Fellowship Programme.

Yours faithfully,

Ms. G. Shabangu
Chief Director HIV & AIDS and STIs Cluster
National Department of Health (NDOH)

Date:

27/08/2025