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Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking
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Dear Sir,

**Letter of Endorsement: Contributing partner for Masters in Epidemiology and
Biostatistics for Public Health Transformation in Africa (MEBPHTA) Programme**

On behalf of the College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences (COMAHS), University of Sierra Leone (USL), New England, Freetown 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). This partnership is in line with the objectives of Global Health EDCTP3, which aims to reduce the individual, social, and economic burden of poverty-related infectious diseases, including neglected, emerging, and re-emerging infectious diseases, in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA).

COMAHS, USL is a leading institution in national health research and capacity strengthening in Sierra Leone. It generates evidence to inform policies and practices in public health. USL is involved in needs-based research at national and international levels to rebuild and strengthen the nation's health system. The evaluation of the Janssen-Janssen and the Merck vaccines against the Ebola virus disease under the leadership of COMAHS, USL is one of the noble contributions of the institution to improving the public health practice.

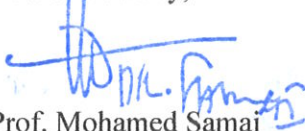
COMAHS will partner with University of Ibadan on the MEBPHTA project by providing the placement for the Fellows during their internship programme. The university will provide in-kind contribution towards the operational cost for the 24-month duration of the project. USL shall be involved in capacity building for the prevention and control of TB, HIV, Malaria, neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) and outbreak response by training mid-career health professionals from National Public Health Institutes in SSA. Specifically, we will participate in the following work packages: 1 (consortium agreement), 2 (teaching), 3 (field placement), 6 (communication and dissemination), and 7 (monitoring and evaluation). We estimate the total value of this in-kind contribution to be EUR [50,000], and EUR 35,270 as the requested amount

for the duration of the programme.

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. Mohamed Samai

Deputy Vice Chancellor