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Dear Sir,

Letter of Endorsement: Contributing Partner for Master's in Epidemiology and Biostatistics for Public Health Transformation in Africa (MEBPHTA) Programme

On behalf of the University of The Gambia, 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 apply 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).

University of The Gambia (UTG) is a dedicated and motivated institution that combines a challenge-based learning education approach, research, and practice to develop skilled and innovative public health professionals capable of protecting and promoting population health in The Gambia. UTG has a strong research focus on areas of tropical diseases and tropical medicine. It places strong emphasis on collaborations and partnerships with local and international institutions.

UTG will partner with the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, on the MEBPHTA programme by providing placement for the Fellows during their internship programme. The university will provide in-kind contributions towards the operational cost for the 24-month duration of the project. USL shall be involved in the capacity building for the prevention and control of TB, HIV, Malaria, 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

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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 a 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 based on 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 sincerely

Prof. Herbert Robinson
Vice Chancellor

