

GLOBAL HEALTH EDCTP3

THE AFRICAN AND EUROPEAN RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking

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NICD: Application to become a contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (Global Health EDCTP3 JU)

The National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD), a division of the National Health Laboratory Services (NHLS), 1 Modderfontein Road, Sandringham, 2196, 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 NICD is the National Public Health Institute-designate of South Africa and recognised by the Africa CDC as a regional centre of excellence. Its activities disease surveillance, specialised diagnostic services, outbreak response, public health research and capacity building to support response to communicable disease threats in South Africa and the region. The NICD has several WHO reference laboratories, BSL 3 and level 4 laboratories and a regional demonstration centre. In addition, the institute has several technical expertise that support the strengthening of public health capacities in the region.

Through this grant the NICD will support activities related to laboratory strengthening and communication and advocacy. Specifically, it will train personnel and maintain skills, create national hubs and facilitate knowledge exchange and communication. Through our Data2Policy program we will also contribute to important policy for questions in pandemics, for example the use of rapid tests versus gold standards.

We estimate the total value of this contribution to be over EUR 1,000,000. This amount encompasses access to state of the art laboratory infrastructure and various technical expertise that will contribute to capacity building and training for this program.

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

2. for Horizon Europe and applicable Global Health EDCTP3 JU rules, including the relevant work programmes and in particular the call conditions therein.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The value of our contribution will be based on costs calculated in accordance with Article 6 of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.
6. 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.

Sincerely



PROFESSOR ADRIAN PUREN

Executive Director: National Institute for Communicable Diseases, a Division of NHLS

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