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Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Letter of endorsement

On behalf of Stellenbosch University, Admin B Building, Victoria street, Stellenbosch, 7600, (VAT number 4920118959) 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, we hereby submit an application to become a contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (Global Health EDCTP3 JU).

Stellenbosch University, with our African roots and global reach, has grown over more than a century into a true asset to South Africa, our continent and beyond. We combine world-class knowledge production and cutting-edge technological innovation to be a thriving, transformative and systemically sustainable university. Our relevant, impactful research makes us ever more agile and responsive to the needs of society, enabling us to confront the complex challenges of our country, region and the globe.

For the current TESA network application, Stellenbosch University will lead WP4 (Technology and Innovation). Through our participation, we will, together with our partners, develop new technologies and implement training to other sites and researchers in novel technologies. We estimate the total value of our in-kind contribution to be about EUR125 000 (EUR 125 697,5). This will cover our contribution to data analysis and cutting-edge laboratory facilities - see table below.

Stellenbosch University		
Budget Category	Cost (€)	Description
Data workshop and Bioinformatics coordinators	52 631	Analysts to host and present data workshops and Bioinformatic analysis
Usage of specialised laboratories and equipment	47 927	Access and usage of BSL3 laboratories including specialised immunology laboratories and equipment
[e.g. Subcontracting costs]	N/A	
[e.g. Financial support to 3 rd parties]	N/A	
Indirect costs (25% applied on Personnel and Purchase costs)	25 139,50	Indirect costs applied to projects
Total (€)	125 697,5	

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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