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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Malawi University of Science and Technology, P. O. Box 5196, Limbe, Malawi, 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 Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST) is a public university, which was established under an Act of Parliament (Act No.31 of 2012) to achieve a number of aims some of which include; to encourage the advancement of knowledge, dissemination and commercialization of research products, to develop into an institution of excellence in teaching, learning, training research, consultancy and dissemination of knowledge in the STEM related fields including health.

The Academy of Medical Sciences (AMS) is one of the four schools at MUST and it has a mandate to provide specialized training in clinical and biomedical sciences, conduct relevant research and offer clinical and laboratory services to the public. The goals of the AMS align fully with those of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU as both organizations seek to reduce the burden of infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa by fostering research and development of new medical interventions and to strengthen regional research capacity for disease preparedness and response.

The Center for Clinical and Biological Sciences Research (CCBSR) at MUST was established to spearhead the push to engage in meaningful research that will advance the goals of the AMS and to establish and build the capacity of the institution to engage in pre-clinical and clinical research including clinical trials.

The Center and the institution as a whole, is well positioned to participate in the consortium activities and to offer a number of in-kind contributions towards the advancement of the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU through the provision of excellent facilities in terms of a 60-80 bed capacity teaching hospital capable of hosting clinical research and trials, a series of laboratories with capacity in diagnostics and research in medical microbiology, molecular biology, immunology and other related fields. The institution also offers a well-established and supported institutional infrastructure and framework through which numerous activities can be securely and procedurally conducted. The research infrastructure also includes a legally constituted and globally recognized IRB in the form of MUST Research and Ethics Committee (MUSTREC). Most importantly, the institution offers a crop of well trained and trainable cadres and students engaged in the fields of health in various capacities and at various levels.

MUST will primarily be involved in four project areas specified in work packages 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Under work package 2, the laboratories at MUST will be upgraded to be able to support clinical trials through the enrolment onto the SADCAS accreditation program and aim for certification in year 3. There will also be purchase of equipment to establish a biorepository for storage of clinical samples and procurement of basic analytical equipment to conduct basic serology and pharmaco-analysis for clinical trials.

Under work package 3 MUST will work with the Public Health Institute of Malawi in partnership with Nyasa Health and Blantyre Health Research Trust to strengthen epidemiological capacity for surveillance detection and response in health emergencies through trainings and establishment of a digital health system to enhance response capacity.

Under work package 4, we will arrange training in AI in health for students and staff members at Stellenbosch University which is the lead organization for this work package.

Under work package 5, we will enroll masters and PhD students in the programs within the Academy of Medical Sciences and also conduct learning visits to the three reference laboratories (BHP, Stellenbosch and Manica) to facilitate mentorship in clinical trials and clinical research. We will also support the labs with infrastructure upgrading through the placement of partitions and temperature control.

We estimate the total value of this contribution to be €136,521 broken down as follows.

Work package	Category	Cost (€)	Justification
Work Package 2	Equipment and infrastructure	23,579	Provision of vehicle for transportation of equipment, technicians and support staff in installation and upgrading of labs. Electricity backup generators and lab equipment.
	Other goods, works and services	26,874	Accommodation for consultants and technicians during assessment visits, administrative and accounting services, venues for meetings workshops and dissemination meetings, processing of duty waivers and customs clearance for imported goods and equipment
Work Package 3	Equipment and infrastructure	18,670	Data management centre, Electricity backup generators and lab equipment. Laboratory equipment for training, computer laboratory
Work Package 4	Other goods, works and services	16,201	Administrative and accounting services, venues for meetings workshops and dissemination meetings
Work Package 5	Equipment and infrastructure	12,393	Data management centre, Centre for AI and STEAM.
	Equipment and infrastructure	18,204	Provision of vehicle for transportation of equipment, technicians and support staff in installation and upgrading of labs. Electricity backup generators and lab equipment.
	Other goods, works and services	20,600	Student support services and supervision, library services, Technical support for building modification,
Total		136,521	

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 programs 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,



Professor Alfred Maluwa
Director of Research and Outreach
05th September, 2025.
