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LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT - TESA network: Capacity-building for strengthening Epidemic Preparedness for trials of excellence in Southern Africa (TESA IV-SEPSA)

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA), 2nd Floor Doris Duke Medical Research Institute, 719 Umbilo Road, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Congella, 4013, [VAT number 4360246708] 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).

CAPRISA, which was established in 2002, is based at the Nelson Mandela Medical School in Durban, South Africa. It is a designated UNAIDS Collaborating Centre for HIV Research and Policy, a South African Department of Science and Innovation/National Research Foundation Centre of Excellence in HIV Prevention, and a Global Virus Network Centre of Excellence. Aligned with the goals of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking, CAPRISA conducts high-impact research on HIV, TB, and SARS-CoV-2, focusing on epidemiology, pathogenesis, prevention, and treatment. Its mission is to advance understanding of HIV and TB, develop innovative public health solutions, strengthen research infrastructure, and train the next generation of scientists.

CAPRISA will be an active participant in the TESA IV-SEPSA proposal and will be a Co-lead on Work Package (WP) 6 which focuses on Communication and Dissemination systems, Impact Policy Dialogue and Community Empowerment. The activities within WP6 under Objective 1 on enhancing TESA's visibility (Communication) and Objective 2 on increasing stakeholder engagement in health research before and during health emergencies (Engagement) will be implemented under the coordination of the BHP, CAPRISA and FM-CISM. CAPRISA will lead the Objective 3 on Strengthening Science-to-Policy Translation and Leadership Capacity, and Objective 4 on Strengthening Capacity in Science and Media Communication, Grant Writing, and Research Administration.

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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