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c/o Dr. Michael Makanga, Executive Director of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking

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Letter of endorsement University of Namibia

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of University of Namibia, [Registered at 340 Mandume Ndemufayo Aven, Pionierspark, Windhoek, Namibia, [VAT number: 0562068015] 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 University of Namibia (UNAM), is the country’s premier institution of tertiary education. It consists of four faculties and 12 campuses country-wide. This outreach makes UNAM a truly community-based institution, renowned for its academic excellence, outstanding research, and community development projects. It is a diverse institution with a student population from 41 countries around the world. Although a relatively young university, it has grown to support a student population of over 30 000. A study conducted by an international expert, Guillermo Lemarchand, titled Science and Technology and Information Platform for Namibia, found that the University of Namibia, was still the country’s chief contributor to new knowledge.

Health Research, Innovation and development is hosted in the School of Medicine is well placed within the Faculty of Health Sciences and Veterinary Medicine to become a center of excellence in research, education, and clinical training that is locally relevant and globally competitive. The School also endeavors to strategically work together with the rest of the Faculty towards financial sustainability.

The University of Namibia is the very vehicle that advances, medicine services, for elimination diseases, like Tuberculosis, Malaria, HIV/AIDS and other neglected diseases. The capacity building along the diverse Namibia public health needs, requires focused, and regional partnership, to participate in the strengthening of Health and Clinical Trials research systems and ethics. UNAM is very much having background research experience under the TESA consortium of building Capacity in the area of Malaria , Tuberculosis and HIV prevention and control. This is

through early diagnostic technology that is also friendly to the rural area of healthcare settings. Policy maker awareness engagement is very crucial, as the investment made, should receive support at national and health ministry level, so that this can save and impact the lives of many citizens directly and indirectly. Institutional development of infrastructure, systems and human resources for sustainability of this capacity building remain crucial, in the effort of the University of Namibia, to appreciate the EDCTP and TESA Regional Consortium partnership. Mostly producing more Master and PhD Scientists along the Implementation of this project funding, building on the TESA II and TESA III projects successful outcomes, that have attracted the National government of health in Ohangwena regional especially for malaria outbreak response. The TESA TANGENDI fellow working on the medicinal plants, for infectious diseases prevention and treatment is one of those positive outcome, that set the projects for impact that can benefit the global medical sector, and related SDGs.

The UNAM TESA EDCTP Team will enhance the work packages of 2, 3, 4, and 5, while supporting the set standards for package 1 & 2. Malaria prevention and control, early TB diagnostics technology and leprosy surveillance and control in North Namibia. [Specifics of proposed involvement for example: project areas, work packages, deliverables, topics/entities to be funded.]

We estimate the total value of this contribution to be EUR 440 000. the EUR 420 000 is in-kind contribution, of infrastructure, and administration human resources, while about EUR 20 000 is contribution through logistics and transport for the duration of the project.

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.

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Yours faithfully,

[Date, name and signature of the authorised representative]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JS", followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Dr Sheehama Jacob

25/08/2025