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Dr Henning Gädeke, the Chair of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking Governing Board
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Dear Dr Henning Gädeke,

LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

On behalf of the **Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine (KCCR), Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana** ; Registered Address: Asuogya Southend road, UPO, PMB, Kumasi, Ghana, 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).

KCCR at KNUST is a multidisciplinary biomedical research centre established in 1997 as a joint venture between the Ghanaian Ministry of Health, KNUST, and the Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine (BNITM). The centre's mission is to conduct high-quality research on infectious diseases of major public health importance, support national and international policy, and strengthen scientific capacity in Ghana and the wider sub-Saharan African region. These objectives are closely aligned with the mandate of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU to reduce the burden of poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases through clinical research and capacity strengthening.

KCCR commits to contribute **in-kind (IKOP) support**. This support includes access to its **state-of-the-art laboratory platforms** (specifically: genomics, parasitology and entomology), **biobank and sample storage facilities, vehicles for transport of samples** and clinical research units embedded in secondary hospitals. KCCR will also provide dedicated personnel time from microscopists experts to support external quality control for the FACT project, as well as administrative staff dedicated to the success of the FACT project. This contribution strengthens the ability of the JU to deliver on its objectives by ensuring high-quality clinical trial implementation, advanced molecular surveillance, and sustainable capacity building in West Africa.

KCCR contribution falls in 2 work packages of the FACT project i.e, Laboratory Analyses; and Communication and Policy preparation. KCCR will also take part of the Phase III trial in children as a study site.

We estimate the total value of this contribution to be **EUR 308,337.50** for the 60 months duration of the project as in-kind contribution.

- Personnel cost: **EUR 66,000** (2 administrative assistants, 1 project finance officer and 2 laboratory technologists).
- Equipment and access to infrastructure: **EUR 180,670** (clinical laboratory, genomic platform, bacteriology platform, storage of samples, parasitology platform, archiving).
- Indirect cost: **EUR 61,667.50**
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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 sincerely



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