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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

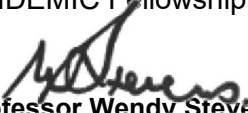
On behalf of the **National Priority Programme, the National Health Laboratory Service, and the Wits Diagnostic Innovation Hub (Wits DIH)**, I am writing to express my support for the EPIDEMIC Fellowship Training Programme and to confirm my willingness to participate as a member of the **Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)** over the two-year programme period.

The EPIDEMIC Fellowship aims to strengthen research capacity in epidemiology, biostatistics, and health economics in sub-Saharan Africa by equipping fellows with advanced methodological skills and providing them with mentored, applied research opportunities. In this context, I, **Professor Wendy Stevens, Strategic Lead (NPP, NHLS) and Executive Director (Wits DIH)**, commit to contributing in-kind to the programme by serving as a member of the SAB. My role will include:

1. Supporting and advising the Fellowship's Technical Working Group in the development and delivery of programme content through participation in bi-annual advisory board meetings.
2. Acting as a reviewer and discussant at annual fellow presentation sessions, providing constructive feedback on fellows' research progress and outputs.

The expected commitment will involve approximately **4–6 interactions over the two years**, primarily through virtual participation, representing an estimated in-kind contribution of **EUR 1,500.00**. This figure reflects the value of professional time contributed, calculated in line with the provisions of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.

This contribution is aligned with the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking, and I am committed to ensuring the programme delivers high-quality training and mentorship for the next generation of public health researchers. I confirm compliance with the Horizon Europe Regulation (EU) No 2021/695; Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021; the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement; and all applicable Global Health EDCTP3 JU rules. I am pleased to support this initiative and look forward to contributing to the success of the EPIDEMIC Fellowship Programme.



Professor Wendy Stevens

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