



for a healthy Zambia

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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ), Stand 378A/Sub 15, Main Street, Ibex Hill, P.O. Box 34681, Lusaka, Zambia, 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).

CIDRZ is a leading local health research and implementation organization whose mission is to improve access to quality healthcare through innovative capacity development, implementation science, and sustainable public health programmes. CIDRZ and the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking share common objectives in strengthening health systems, building research capacity, and combating infectious diseases. Both emphasize innovation, sustainable solutions, and translating research into policy, while fostering equitable partnerships with governments, academia, and communities to ensure local ownership and advance public health outcomes in Africa.

This contribution to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking, presented as an IKOP project with potential elements of financial contribution (FC), is highly relevant to the JU's overarching goal of advancing global health research and epidemic preparedness. The proposed multi-year initiative will strengthen clinical research capacity in Southern Africa, enhance expertise and surveillance systems for epidemic preparedness, foster networking and dialogue to maximise research impact, and reinforce laboratory diagnostic capacity and infrastructure for pandemic response. Its added value lies in building sustainable, regionally anchored capacity that directly supports the achievement of EDCTP3's objectives in preparedness, resilience, and equitable health outcomes.

CIDRZ will contribute to work packages WP2 (Scientific coordination), WP3 (strengthening clinical research capacity), WP4 (Strengthen surveillance systems), WP5 (SADC pandemic network) and WP6 (Strengthen laboratory diagnostic capacity and infrastructure). We estimate the total value of this in kind contribution to be EUR119,522.35 broken down as EUR23,904.47 for each of the 5 years. These costs will cover personnel effort for Prof. Bosomprah and access to computers and analysis software.

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.

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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,



Carolyn Bolton (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
01st September 2025