

Renewal of the Members of the Global Health EDCTP3 Stakeholders Group

Evaluation Panel meeting report

22 October 2025

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Background

Global Health EDCTP3 published an open [Call for Expression of Interest](#) on 30 June 2025 to invite ongoing and new organisations to join its Stakeholder Group. The call closed on 12 September 2025. The main difference compared with the previous call is that this one was targeted at organisations rather than individuals. Selected organisations will be invited to appoint a representative and an alternate.

70 applications were received: 35 with a geographic scope focused on Africa, 18 in Europe, and 12 with an international scope. Five proposals were either ineligible or inadmissible due to being received after the submission deadline.

Evaluation process

As stipulated in the call for expressions of interest, an evaluation panel of four members was appointed by the Global Health EDCTP3 Executive Director comprising two representatives from the European Commission - Jan Paehler (DG RTD) and Mar Martínez (DG INTPA) – and two representatives from the EDCTP Association - Glaudina Loots (South Africa) and Akim Adegnikia (Senegal). The Executive Director of Global Health EDCTP3 participated as an observer, along with several Programme Office staff members responsible for the coordination of the Stakeholders Group.

The 65 eligible applications and an evaluation grid were shared with the four evaluators for scoring in accordance with the following selection criteria outlined in the call:

- **Selection criteria 1:** The evaluation criteria for organisations represented are: Expertise, activity or representation of interests in at least one of the following areas:
 - Patient organisations;
 - Civil society in global health, in particular as regards infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa;
 - Professional international and regional organisations active in the areas of global health, especially infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa in alignment with the scope of the SRIA;
 - Local or regional government representatives providing health services in sub-Saharan Africa and addressing infectious diseases;
 - Social entrepreneurs and product development partnerships (PDPs) developing solutions for issues in global health, especially infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa;
 - Businesses/industry/SMEs working in the area of global health, especially infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa;
 - Research institutions addressing infectious diseases affecting sub-Saharan Africa;
 - Other funders of global health research with a focus on low- and middle-income countries.
- **Selection criteria 2:** In its assessment, the Governing Board shall take into account:
 - a) The competences, expertise and representativeness that are necessary to provide input

- on the scientific, strategic and technological priorities to be addressed by Global Health EDCTP3, and identify synergies with other programmes and funders
- b) The need to reflect balanced stakeholder representation from a geographic, thematic and gender perspective, including in particular sub-Saharan African expertise. As far as possible, the Global Health EDCTP3 Stakeholders Group should be balanced in terms of North-South representation with preference for European and sub-Saharan African stakeholders.

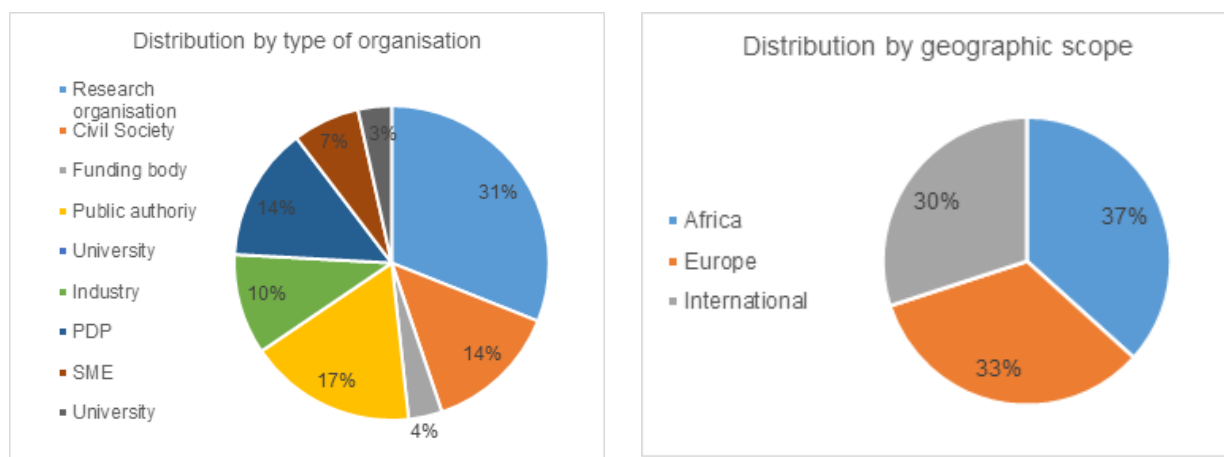
The applications were scored on a **scale of 0-5** (not addressed/poor/weak/good/very good/excellent), with each applicant organisation being scored by three evaluators, meaning the maximum number of points an applicant organisation could score was 15 points.

After completing their individual evaluations, the four evaluators met virtually on 22 October 2025 to discuss their assessments and **reach consensus scores**, taking into account the abovementioned selection criteria and bearing in mind that gender could not be taken into consideration at this stage given that the selection of members would be made based on organisation rather than individual representatives. As stipulated in the call for expressions of interest, the outcome of the evaluation was to establish a shortlist of up to 30 organisations. In addition to this shortlist, the evaluation panel was to draw up a reserve list with up to 20 organisations.

Evaluation outcome

The evaluation panel agreed on a final list of 30 applicant organisations to be invited as members of the Stakeholders Group, as indicated in **Annex 1**. A cut off score of 12/15 was applied to the main list of selected member organisations. The members included represent the competences, interests and expertise required in the fields listed in the call for expressions of interest, with a good spread across organisations representing civil society, patients, research organisations, industry, SMEs, PDPs, public authorities, and other funders. Attention was paid to ensuring a good balance of organisations with geographical presence in Africa (11), Europe (9) and internationally (10), independent of their country of registration. In the interest of achieving a balanced membership, several European research organisations and pharmaceutical companies that were scored highly were included in the reserve list in favour of highly scored umbrella associations and networks that would already broadly represent their interests, such as the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA) and The European Global Health Research Institutes Network (EGHRIN), for example.

The final 30 applicant organisations selected have the following distribution by type of organisation and geographic scope:



The reserve list of 16 applicant organisations is indicated in **Annex 2**. A cut off score of 11/15 was applied to this reserve list of applicant organisations, which is not balanced in terms of type of organisation (predominantly research organisations) or geographical presence (predominantly Africa). The unselected applicant organisations are listed in **Annex 3** and the ineligible/inadmissible applicant organisations are listed in **Annex 4**. The panel noted that the ineligible applicant organisations included the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) owing to the fact that the call for expressions of interest stipulated that “persons who are employed by a member of Global Health EDCTP3 or its constituent entities or staff (including external staff) of Global Health EDCTP3 shall not be eligible. This includes all EU institutions, agencies and bodies.”

Given the important stake that the African and European Medicines Agencies and Centres for Disease Control have in the operations and policies of the Global Health EDCTP3, the evaluation panel suggested considering other ways of involving these key agencies in the deliberations of the Stakeholder Group, such as inviting them as observers.

This final report was agreed by all evaluation panel members by written procedure on 3 November 2025.

Jan Paehler, Mar Martínez, Glaudina Loots, Akim Adegnika.

Annex 1 – Applicant organisations selected

Listed in alphabetical order.

| Applicant organisation | Type of organisation | Country of registration | Geographic presence |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| African Alliance | Civil society | South Africa | Africa |
| Africa Constituency Bureau (ACB) | Public Authority | Ethiopia | Africa |
| BioVac | Industry | South Africa | Africa |
| Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) | Funding Body | Norway | International |
| Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW) | Civil Society | Germany | Europe |
| Dotoh Health | SME | Benin | Africa |
| East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC) | Public Authority | Tanzania | Africa |
| European Research Infrastructure on Highly Pathogenic Agents (ERINHA) | Research Organisation | Belgium/France | Europe |
| French National Research | Research Organisation | France | Europe |

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| Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD) | | | |
| Global AMR R&D Hub | Public Authority | Germany | International |
| Impact Global Health (IGH) | Research Organisation | Australia | International |
| Institute of Tropical Medicine (ITM) Antwerp | Research Organisation | Belgium | Europe |
| Instituto de Salud Carlos III | Public Authority | Spain | Europe |
| Interdisciplinary Consortium for Epidemics Research (ICER) | Research Organisation | Uganda | Africa |
| International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) | Research Organisation | Italy | Europe |
| International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA) | Industry | Switzerland | International |
| International Vaccine Institute (IVI) | PDP | South Korea | International |
| Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV) | PDP | Switzerland | International |
| National Center for Malaria Research and Training (CNRFP) | Research Organisation | Burkina Faso | Africa |
| nuvoteQ | SME | South Africa | Africa |
| Pharmalys | Industry | UK | Africa |
| TB Alliance | PDP | US | Africa |



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| The Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi) | PDP | Switzerland | International |
| The European Global Health Research Institutes Network (EGHRIN) | University | Netherlands | Europe |
| The Global Health Network (TGHN) | Research Organisation | UK | Europe |
| The Robert Koch Institute | Public Authority | Germany | Europe |
| The UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) | Public Authority | Switzerland | International |
| The World Patients Alliance (WPA) | Civil Society | US | International |
| Uniting to Combat NTDs | Civil Society | UK | International |
| West African Institute of Public Health (WAIPH) | Civil Society | Nigeria | Africa |

Annex 2 – Applicant organisations in the reserve list

Listed in alphabetical order.

| Applicant organisation | Type of organisation | Country of registration | Geographic presence |
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| Afiyet AB | SME | Sweden | Europe |
| Africa Bioethics Network (ABN) | Research Organisation | Kenya | Africa |
| African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) | Research Organisation | Kenya | Africa |
| AVAC | Civil Society | US | International |
| Baylor Foundation Uganda | Research Organisation | Uganda | Africa |
| Combatting Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria Accelerator (Carb-X) | Research Organisation | US | International |
| Foresight Institute of Research and Translation (Firat) | Research Organisation | Rwanda | Africa |
| GSK | Industry | Spain | Europe |
| Health Development Initiative (HDI) | Civil Society | Rwanda | Africa |
| Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research | Research Organisation | Germany | Europe |
| International Center for Research and Training in Applied Genomics and Health | Research Organisation | Senegal | Africa |



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| Surveillance (CIGASS) | | | |
| International Society for Infectious Diseases (ISID) | Research Organisation | Kenya | Africa |
| Mercinclo | SME | South Africa | Africa |
| Swiss TPH | Research Organisation | Switzerland | Europe |
| Victoria Biomedical Research Institute (VIBRI) | Research Organisation | Kenya | Africa |
| Zambart House | Research Organisation | Zambia | Africa |

Annex 3 – Applicant organisations not selected

Listed in alphabetical order.

| Applicant organisation | Type of organisation | Country of registration | Geographic presence |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| AACT4GHealth Uganda | Research Organisation | Uganda | Africa |
| Chuka University | Civil Society | Kenya | Africa |
| Clinical Research Investigator Site Management Organisation (CRISMO) | Research Organisation | South Africa | Africa |
| Clinical Research Education and Management Services (CREAMS) | Research Organisation | Malawi | Africa |
| Clinical Research Health Network (CREA-N) | SME | Kenya | Africa |
| Équilibre International | Civil Society | DRC | Africa |
| Ethiopian Environmental Health Association (EHA) | Civil Society | Ethiopia | Africa |
| Georgian Association for Public Health and Well-being (GeoWell) | Civil Society | US | International |
| Global Health Private Consulting Firm (IGH) | Industry | Ivory Coast | Africa |
| Institute of Traditional and Alternative Medicine (ITAM) at the University of Health | Research Organisation | Ghana | Africa |

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| and Allied Sciences (UHAS) | | | |
| International Centre for Reproductive Health (ICRH Global) | Civil Society | Belgium | Europe |
| International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP) | Civil Society | Switzerland | International |
| LivFul Inc. | Industry | UK | Europe |
| One Health Innovative Solutions (OHIS) | Civil Society | Cameroon | Africa |
| Reach Out Cameroon | Civil Society | Cameroon | Africa |
| SOLDIS | Research Organisation | Cameroon | Africa |
| ThankGod Onuoha Foundation | Civil Society | Nigeria | Africa |
| Wickedware | Industry | Belgium | Europe |
| Wits Diagnostic innovation Hub (Wits DIH) | Research Organisation | South Africa | Africa |

Annex 4 – Ineligible/inadmissible applicant organisations

Listed in alphabetical order.

| Applicant organisation | Type of organisation | Country of registration | Geographic presence |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| African Society of Regional Anaesthesia (AFSRA) | Civil Society | Uganda | Africa |
| European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) | Public Authority | Sweden | Europe |
| European Medicines Agency (EMA) | Public Authority | Netherlands | Europe |
| Government of Sudan | Public Authority | Sudan | Africa |
| Institute for Health Research, Epidemiological Surveillance, and Training (IRESSEF) | Research Organisation | Senegal | Africa |