

Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Report on activities and achievements in 2024

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Summary Activities in 2024

Constituted in 2022, the Scientific Committee is the scientific advisory body of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU. During 2023, the Committee was composed of 18 members coming from Europe and Africa, including a Chairperson (Professor John Gyapong) and a Vice-Chairperson (Professor Marleen Temmerman). Since its establishment, the Committee has been assisting the Global Health EDCTP JU in the design of the strategic and scientific activities, including the priorities to be addressed by the annual calls for proposals.

In 2024, the Scientific Committee Members met twice: on 18-19 April 2024 and 10 October 2024.

Contribution to the 2025 Work Programme

In April 2024, a two-day face to face meeting took place in Brussels, the main agenda point was to discuss research priorities to be addressed by the Work Programme 2025. Prior to the meeting, the SC members provided valuable input into the Annual Research Innovation Agenda (ARIA 2024) which was one of the key references used to select potential topics for the draft 2025 Work Programme.

SC members discussed the draft ARIA in groups and plenary session, and the deliberations have informed the Executive Summary of the ARIA and subsequent formulation of the 2025 draft call topics.

In June 2024, the SC Chair attended the Governing Board meeting and informed GB members on the work of the SC, including their in-depth discussions on draft topics for the 2025 Work Programme.

In the period August-September 2024, SC members were consulted and provided important written input into the draft 2025 work programme. The summary input from the SC was an important reference for the GB meeting which took place on October 2024.

At their October 2024 online meeting, SC members reviewed and provided feedback to the draft work programme which undergoing final edits and gave further input to the draft programme of the 12th EDCTP Forum.

Advice on the Mpox Public Health Emergency

During the 18-19 April meeting, SC members were debriefed on the Mpox outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and were reminded of the emergency funding mechanism foreseen in the Work Programme 2024. SC members agreed that the JU should activate the emergency response and advised for an increased budget from EUR 1 million to EUR 5 million. Further, the committee agreed that a working group should be constituted, to ensure a timely finalisation of a draft emergency call topic text.

The Working group comprising four SC members and key staff members of the Programme Office held immediate consultation and provided a draft emergency topic text to the Executive Director within days. The topic text was approved by the Governing Board, before call announcing on 30 April and opening on 14 May 2024.

Contribution to the preparation of the 12th EDCTP Forum

The scientific committee is involved in the preparation of the 12th EDCTP Forum and has mandated two SC members (Pablo Rojo and Juliet Nabyonya-Orem) to be part of the Forum Programme Committee.



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Relations with other Governance Bodies

In 2024, the SC Chair has participated as an observer in the meetings of the Stakeholders Group (SG) and also the Governing Board (GB). The SC Chair has regularly updated the GB, by sharing the SC meeting reports and giving presentations during GB deliberations, especially on draft work programmes.

Both SC and SG Chairs continued to attend each other's meetings to ensure continued alignment of the scientific and strategic advice to the JU.

Annexes

Annex 1 - 5th SC Meeting Report

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Report of the 5th meeting of the
Scientific Committee

18-19 April 2024

Hybrid-Brussels, Belgium/Online



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Introduction

The purposes of the Fifth meeting of the Scientific Committee of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking were:

1. To clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Scientific Committee and to provide updates on steps being taken to fill vacant positions.
2. With reference to the GH EDCTP3 Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA), obtain scientific and strategic advice for the work programme 2025 (WP2025) through preparation of the Annual Research and Innovation Agenda (ARIA) for 2025.
3. To discuss the Key Performance Indicators and associated measurements of their successful implementation for GH EDCTP3.
4. To discuss and advise on the 12th EDCTP Forum to be held in Kigali, Rwanda in 2025
5. Discuss and advise on any other themes the Scientific Committee would like to address, considering its mandate and tasks as defined in the Council Regulation establishing the Joint Undertaking under Horizon Europe.

The meeting was held on 18 and 19 April 2024 in hybrid mode with in-person attendees meeting at the JU premises in Brussels, Avenue de la Toison d'Or 56-60, 1060.

Agenda

The agenda included the following sessions:

DAY 1 – Thursday 18 April 2024

- Session 1 – Welcome, Agenda and 4th meeting report adoption, Update on SC membership, rights and obligations
- Session 2 – Updates on Work Programmes 2022, 2023, 2024 and response to Mpox outbreak
- Session 3 – Annual Research Innovation Agenda (ARIA), presentation and discussions
- Session 4 – ARIA topics specific group discussions
- Session 5 – Plenary and feedback on ARIA, formulation on proposals for WP2025 Topics (and beyond).

DAY 2 - Friday 19 April 2024

- Session 6 – Key Performance Indicators and associated measurements of their successful implementation for the Global Health EDCTP3
- Session 7 – Forum 2025, discussion on Theme and content
- Session 8 – 2023 SC Annual Report, and other updates/documents
- Session 9 – Planning for the next SC meeting & AOB.

Summary-updates, discussions, outcomes, follow-up and agreed actions

Session 1 – Welcome, Agenda and 4th meeting report adoption, Update on SC membership, rights and obligations

The Chairperson of the Scientific Committee welcomed the members, the Executive Director and the staff members of the Programme Office and the two observers, the Chairperson of the Stakeholders Group and the representative of the World Health Organisation.

After a brief introduction by the SC Chairperson, the agenda of the meeting was adopted with two further items under AOB on the continuation of the already established working groups and the optimisation of the functioning of the Scientific Committee. The minutes and the report of the fourth meeting held on 7 November 2023 were adopted by consensus.

The Executive Director made a brief introduction, updated the SC on the organisational developments of the Programme Office, informed the SC members that he intends to propose to the Governing Board the publication of a new call for Expression of Interest in order to fill the vacant posts and also populate the reserve list.

The Programme Office presented an update on the membership, rights and obligations of the members of the Scientific Committee and more specifically on the confidentiality and conflict of interests' rules. The members had the opportunity to ask questions and raise points of concern. Further clarifications and explanations were provided. It was agreed that the Programme Office will develop a guiding document on the rights and obligations of the SC members, the confidentiality and the conflict of interests.

Session 2 – Updates on Work Programmes 2022, 2023, 2024 and response to Mpox outbreak

The Programme Office presented updates on the implementation of the Work Programme 2022 and the 2023 single-stage as the evaluations for the two stage topics (Vaccines and Diagnostics) are to be finalised later in Q2 2024. Nevertheless, an update on evolution of the two-stage call for proposals 2023 was also provided.

Following the presentation, the SC members had the opportunity to provide input on the statistics presented and made several suggestions such as including further statistics on equity and diversity, age and priority neglected population groups. The Programme Office took good note of the comments and suggestions and the Executive Director mentioned that a portfolio analysis is planned to be shared with the SC on an annual basis.

On the Work Programme 2024, the Programme Office presented a recap on the topics included and gave an update on the call for proposals status and the number of proposals received by topic at the first stage. Also, the timeline of the evaluations, the funding decision by the Governing Board and the invitations to grant preparation were indicated to the SC members for their information.

The Executive Director explained the situation regarding the re-association of the UK to the Horizon Europe and the subsequent increase to the JU budget that is expected to be confirmed in May. Furthermore, the Executive Director informed the SC members that the EDCTP has also confirmed that their contribution will be increased.

After debriefing the SC members on the background of the Mpox outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the relevant communique released by the Ministers of Health, the Programme Office and the Executive Director informed the SC that the JU intends to mobilise the emergency funding mechanism foreseen in the WP 2024. The SC members were requested to provide their agreement on proceeding with the activation of the emergency response funding increasing the budget from EUR 1 million to EUR 5 million and provide their input on the priorities that this emergency response call should include.

A representative of the European Commission from the Directorate-General for Research joined the meeting and updated the members on the actions taken from the Commission side in response to the Mpox outbreak, as well as the possibilities for providing complementary funding to projects that are already running.

Following an in-depth discussion, the SC agreed in proceeding with the emergency call with the proposed increased budget and that the priorities of the call should be defined within the existing discussions of the African task force and in coordination and alignment with the global partners. Further, it was decided that a working group will be constituted comprising four members of the SC and staff members of the Programme Office having as mandate to draft the emergency topic text within the deadline agreed with the Executive Director.

The Emergency Mpox draft topic text was finalised with input from SC members before submission to the GB for approval.

Session 3 – Annual Research Innovation Agenda (ARIA), presentation and discussions

Following presentation of the Global EDCTP3 prioritisation process, the purpose and objectives of the Annual Research and Innovation Agenda (ARIA) was explained. The strategy of how the ARIA was written was also outlined, including the literature reviews written by the Scientific team in the Programme Office, mapping of previous EDCTP3 funding, analysis of gaps, identification of potential contributing partners and the consultation with the Scientific Committee (SC) and the Stakeholders' Group (SG). The steps and the timeline for the writing of the topic texts are also outlined.

The Specific Objectives (SO) of the ARIA, as outlined in the SRIA, are introduced and outlined in detail. They are the following:

1. Advance biomedical intervention towards improved overall health.
2. Research capacity development.
3. Enhanced coordination.
4. Strengthen capacity for epidemic preparedness.
5. Networking, building partnerships and strategic alliances.

Session 4 – ARIA topic specific group discussions

The Scientific Committee members were divided into three groups to discuss the ARIA topics in detail. One Scientific Project Officer (SPO) per group moderated the discussions. A group rapporteur summarised the discussions and shared the feedback with the rest of the SC members in the main plenary session. All members re-discussed in the plenary and agreed to add written input to the ARIA draft.

The full version of the ARIA document with Input from SC members (merged with input from SG members) is available in a separate document.

Session 5 – Plenary and feedback on ARIA, formulation on proposals for WP2025 Topics (and beyond)

The details from this session are captured in the Meeting minutes and the feedback has informed the Executive Summary of the ARIA and formulation of the 2025 draft call topics which are confidentially shared in separate documents.

Session 6 – Key Performance Indicators and associated measurements of their successful implementation for the Global Health EDCTP3

The Executive Director outlined the JU specific KPIs as defined in the Single Basic Act and explained the context to the SC members.

The SC members provided the following specific inputs about the KPIs:

- Input:
 - o Processes and activities.
 - o Number, diversity and distribution of the research centres receiving funding within the countries.
 - o Investments in partnership building and community engagement.
- Output:
 - o Increased partnerships and interaction with the health services on the ground and the ministries of health for the planning and strategy.
 - o Increased partnerships and involvement of all interested parties: research, academia, industry, including end users (need to train and educate them in line with the cultural diversity).
 - o Indicators of good partnership practices between European and African teams (e.g. authorship).
 - o Outcome of investments in partnership building and community engagement.
 - o Ethics and regulatory capacity in SSA.
- Impact:
 - o Better translation and better utilisation of the outputs of the funded projects.
 - o Equity in terms of gender, language and regional differences.
 - o Continuous impact on the ground in the long-term.

Session 7 – Forum 2025, discussion on Theme and content

The Programme Office provided updates on the organisation of the next Forum that will be held in June 2025 in Kigali, in Rwanda, on the tentative dates, the venue and the organisational progress. The role and involvement of the Scientific Committee in the Forum were also explained, and the members were called to discuss and eventually propose potential themes and nominate two members that will join the Forum Programme Committee.

The Chairperson of the Stakeholders Group presented the discussions held within the Stakeholders Group, explaining the approach and methodology followed during their last meeting in order to draw a list of potential themes. The SG Chairperson explained that elements as the previous themes, the articulation evolution of the forum itself over the time, keywords of importance and the position of EDCTP3 JU were taken into account for the development of the proposed themes which following a vote were then grouped into four overarching themes.

Based on the overarching themes and the potential Forum themes discussed by the Stakeholders Group the Scientific Committee members discussed and agreed on a non-exhaustive list of suggestions for the potential themes of the Forum that will be shared with the SG. Also, they agreed that the members who are interested to join the Programme Committee may express their interest in the following days. (*Post meeting update: a few days after the SC meeting, two members were nominated*).

Session 8 – 2023 SC Annual Report, and other updates/documents

The Programme Office presented the key documents related to the progression of WP2025 and introduced the Annual Activity Report 2023 of the Scientific Committee. The SC members were informed that as per the Single Basic Act (SBA), they should advise on the operational highlights of the previous year to be included in the Consolidated Annual Activity Report of the JU. These highlights will be extracted from the SC annual report.

The members approved the report by consensus and as foreseen in the SBA, the report will be submitted to the Governing Board for approval.

Session 9 – Planning for the next SC meeting & AOB

The SC discussed on the potential dates for the next meetings and agreed tentatively.

It was agreed that the working groups formed in March 2023 are to be reinvigorated with clear expected outputs. The Programme Office is expected to further reiterate at the next meeting the difference between the Scientific Committee and the Stakeholders' Group.

The Chairperson, the Executive Director and the Global Health EDCTP3 Programme Office staff members thanked the SC members for a productive meeting and the meeting was closed.

GlobalHealthEDCTP3 Joint Undertaking SummaryReport ofthe6thmeeting oftheScientificCommittee

10October2024 Online

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Introduction

The purposes of the Sixth meeting of the Scientific Committee of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking were:

1. To conclude the strategic and scientific input from the Scientific Committee (SC) towards the proposed call topics (Annex 1A) of the draft 2025 Work Programme, considering feedback from the Global Health EDCTP3 Governing Board (GB) and Joint Undertaking Committee (JUC) of the EDCTP Association.
2. To provide updates and seek advice on the preparations for the 12th EDCTP Forum to be held in Kigali, Rwanda in June 2025
3. To seek advice on any other themes the Scientific Committee would like to address, considering its mandate and tasks as defined in the Council Regulation establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe.

The meeting was held on the 10 October 2024 online.

Agenda

The agenda included the following sessions:

Session 1 - Welcome, Agenda Adoption, Fifth meeting report

Session 2 - Updates on WPs 2023, 2024

Session 3 - Discussion and feedback on the 2025 WP draft Call topics

Session 4 – Other Updates

Summary-updates, discussion, outcomes, follow-up and agreed actions

Session 1 – Welcome, Agenda and 5th meeting report adoption

The Chairperson of the Scientific Committee (SC) welcomed all SC Members, the Executive Director and the Programme Office (PRO) staff members.

The Executive Director gave a few opening remarks, including introduction of the new Head of Unit for the Scientific Operations team (HoU).

With no further comments from the members, the Chairperson confirmed adoption of the agenda.

Session 2—Updates on Work Programmes 2023, 2024

The Chairperson introduced the next agenda item and gave the floor to the Senior Scientific Officer (SSO) and the Scientific Project Officer (SPO). As part of the Work Programmes 2023 and 2024 update, the SPO presented various statistics, such as disease scope and Intervention type as well as budget of the signed grants, grants currently under the Grant Agreement Preparation (GAP) stage, and shared the progress of the ongoing 2024 WP Calls evaluations.

Questions from SC Members were related to specifics of projects and comments included the value of having funding metrics considering the earlier EDCTP programmes in addition to EDCTP3. The Executive Director (ED) commented that the team plans to work on a more robust and complete portfolio analysis to be shared with the SC in 2025.

The SSO presented an update on the Mpox Call, projects which have been evaluated in an expedited process and grant agreements signed as a priority to allow a fast response to the Mpox public health emergency. Data on types of interventions, populations, and locations of the ongoing studies were shared.

The committee made a request for data on funding distribution per country (as a visual map), and clarification on regulatory capacity aspects in countries hosting the studies. The requested data will be provided and discussed during the next meeting.

Session 3—Discussion and feedback on the 2025 WP draft Call topics

The Chairperson introduced the agenda item and gave the floor to the HoU and SSO.

The HoU introduced the WP2025. The SSO went through the summary of the general comments and questions that were made by the SC Members during the consultation on the draft WP2025 in August–September 2025.

Discussing Equity issues and the related language used in the topic texts, SC members advised to emphasize on the need to partner with countries from less privileged areas, or to request a certain number of fellows to be included from disadvantaged countries. The Executive Director pointed out that the issue of inclusivity (equity) is weaved in through all WP2025 calls. Members also commented that indicators measuring equity and diversity in the Programme should be analysed and presented at future SC meetings. Members working on this offered to share knowledge on the equity and diversity indicators they have been developing in the respective groups or institutions.

The SSO introduced and opened the WP 2025 discussion. This session went through each draft topic in the proposed Work Programme 2025. Each topic was presented, describing the latest version of the topic text, including the expected outcomes and scope as well as comments earlier submitted by SC Members, followed by discussions.

Overall, it was commented that respiratory infections (including RSV in children) and as STIs would be important topics to consider. The ED added that these areas may be considered for the next work programmes.

HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-01-01-two-stage: Strategic action for the development of vaccines for reducing the disease burden of Tuberculosis in sub-Saharan Africa

This call focuses on TB vaccines, and it has been suggested to launch it as a "Strategic Action", allowing applicants to raise cofunding in addition to what they request as EU contribution. The topic background, expected outcomes and scope of the topic were outlined and discussed.

The following suggestions from SC Members were raised:

Encourage comparison with BCG where appropriate;

Encourage the assessment of overall health outcomes.

The ED indicated that the wording in the topic text will be adapted to capture these suggestions, without being too prescriptive.

HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-01-02-two-stage: Strategic action for research on existing Malaria therapeutics and clinical development of new antimalarial candidates

This call focuses on existing Malaria therapeutics and clinical development of new antimalarial candidates, and it has suggested to launch it as a "Strategic Action", allowing applicants to raise co-funding in addition to what they request as EU contribution. The topic background, expected outcomes and scope of the topic were outlined and discussed.

Following a few questions by SC Members and clarification by the ED, the following suggestions were made:

Clarify wording to ensure phase 3 trials can be included;

Include promising transmission blocking agents as part of combination therapy when relevant.

The ED indicated that the wording in the topic text will be adapted accordingly.

The SC suggested to include low costs long-acting mAbs, but the ED confirmed exclusion of this for this topic, and this will be considered for future work programmes.

HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-01-03-two-stage: Accelerating development of prophylactic vaccines against Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in sub-Saharan Africa

This call focuses on prophylactic vaccines against Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs). The topic background, expected outcomes and scope of the topic were outlined and discussed.

The following suggestion were made by SC Members:

Clarify if the wording in the "out of scope" section is applicable to implementation research for all or specific diseases only.

Clarify that efforts are to be made to ensure that funding is not fully clustered in the one disease area, to encourage portfolio diversification.

The ED clarified that "out of scope" refers to implementation research for all pathogens. The ED also indicated that the topic text can be adapted to clarify the intent to diversify.

HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-03-01-two-stage: Strategic action for preparedness & response: Strengthening Regional Networks of Excellence and Epidemic Preparedness Consortia

This call focuses on Strengthening Regional Networks of Excellence and Epidemic Preparedness Consortia, and it has suggested to launch it as a "Strategic Action", allowing applicants to raise cofunding in addition to what they request as EU contribution. The topic background, expected outcomes and scope of the topic were outlined and discussed.

The following suggestions and/or comments were made by SC Members:

Clarify the recognition of the existing networks while setting up new institutions; there should be no exclusion of previous networks solely because they have already received funding through previous EDCTP programmes;

Inclusion of research for repurposing of antivirals and screening of new combinations, without conducting trials as this call is a CSA, not RIA;

The intention should be to secure cross- regional coverage as opposed to funding one single region;

Clarification should be made in the text to ensure that expected proposals will capture work on disease identification for new emerging pathogens but also cover epidemiology activities on both new and already known pathogens;

The inclusion of surveillance and diagnostic strategies should be considered;

The ED indicated that the topic text will be adapted accordingly if this was not yet done.

HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-02-01: Strategic action for Global Health EDCTP3 JU, Africa CDC, CEPI and BMGF Fellowships for Biostatisticians, Epidemiologists and modellers

This call focuses on Fellowships for Biostatisticians, Epidemiologists and modellers, and it has suggested to launch it as a "Strategic Action", allowing applicants to raise cofunding in addition to what they request as EU contribution. The topic background, expected outcomes and scope of the topic were outlined and discussed.

SC members raised the following suggestions:

Clarify whether it would be possible to fund fellows that come from ineligible countries as long as they are assigned to institutions from an eligible country;

Include in the topic text that training offered must be relevant to improving health outcomes in SSA.

The ED welcomed the suggestions to clarify in the topic text if not yet done, and clarified that the EDCTP Association will play a role as a coordinator in future grants under this topic.

It was clarified that the partners in the draft topic title are engaged in still ongoing contributing partnership discussions.

HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-01-two-stage: Tackling Diarrhoeal Diseases in the of context Climate and Health

This call focuses on Diarrhoeal Diseases, as opposed to the "Climate and Health" previously shared with the SC members. The topic background, expected outcomes and scope of the topic were outlined and discussed.

The following suggestions from SC Members were raised:

To extend the list of pathogens in the scope;

To including vaccines;

There were suggestions to keep a topic text more focused on research on climate change beyond diarrheal diseases only

To remove any mention of climate change if the focus of this call topic is now to be on the specified Diarrheal diseases.

The ED clarified that Climate and Health are important for the EU and EDCTP3 and need to be reflected in all calls as appropriate. The ED clarified that for the focus of this call will be on diarrheal diseases (specific pathogens listed in the topic text -rotavirus, Shigella, cholera, enterotoxigenic E. coli, Cryptosporidium, and norovirus). The ED clarified that vaccines can be included as part of

implementation research combining interventions with current standard of care. The ED added that the Programme Office team has ongoing discussions with partners for future work on climate and health.

HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-02-two-stage: Disruptive innovations advancing global health

This call focuses on disruptive innovations advancing global health. The topic background, expected outcomes and scope of the topic were outlined and discussed.

The following suggestions were raised by SC Members:

The call text could challenge existing dogmas in treatment and prevention;

It needs to be established whether going beyond the proof of concept of the development technology readiness level 3 (TRL3) is to be the purpose of the call;

To encourage SMEs and spin-offs participation in applying consortia;

Chronic diseases potentially caused by infections should be included in the scope;

Including the idea of repurposing existing treatment and solutions;

A potential title change suggestion to for example: "Challenging current boundaries in medical thinking and practice" or adding "groundbreaking" in the title.

The ED Indicated that the topic text will be matured and adapted considering, where relevant, the SC suggestions, including the possible revision of the title

2025 Emergency Call

The SC Members agreed with including the Emergency call in the WP2025. The €1M budget was considered too low to address an emergency response, but the ED clarified that funding amount of €1M is a placeholder, which can be revisited and increased in case of a public health emergency, this to avoid underusing the allocated yearly budget in absence of an emergency call.

Session4–Other Updates

The Communications Team Leader presented updates on the EDCTP Forum In Kigali in 2025, including the proposed Programme of the Forum, the Organising Committee, and the Programme Committee.

The following comments were made:

SC members can and will help with suggestions of speakers.

Gender balance needs to be taken into consideration for each session.

Considering the important concern of carbon footprint, there is need to have hybrid conferences for participants to join online.

The organisation should consider the inclusion of as many young researchers from African countries as possible.

The organisation should consider including a capacity building workshop on scientific writing for young researchers.

The representation of African speakers as keynote speakers should be considered separately to panellist to increase diversity.

An "idea-development workshop" was suggested where young researchers can bring their bold ideas to a panel, present them, and get feedback.

Advice to include a session with The Lancet, or other editors.

The Programme Office indicated that next steps include signing a contract with the venue, finalising the visual identity of the Forum before launch of the website and inviting speakers. Before end of 2024, the forum roadmap includes the launch the Forum website and publication of calls for abstracts, calls for scientific symposia and calls for prizes' nominations. Start of registrations is expected in January 2025, and abstracts review will take place in February-March 2025.

The SSO announced that the next confirmed in-person meeting of the SC will be held In Kigali on the 13th of June during the EDCTP Forum 2025. There Is also a possibility of an online meeting in early 2025, or the launch of a written consultation to advise on the draft WP2026. This will be followed in separate communications.

The Chairperson thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

Annex 1: Adopted agenda



Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking:

Agenda of the 6th Meeting of the Scientific Committee

10 October 2024

Purpose of the meeting

1. To conclude the strategic and scientific input from the Scientific Committee (SC) towards the proposed call topics (Annex 1A) of the draft 2025 Work Programme, considering feedback from the Global Health EDCTP3 Governing Board (GB) and Joint Undertaking Committee (JUC) of the EDCTP Association.
2. To provide updates and seek advice on the preparations for the 12th EDCTP Forum to be held in Kigali, Rwanda in June 2025
3. To seek advice on any other themes the Scientific Committee would like to address, considering its mandate and tasks as defined in the Council Regulation establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe¹

Expected Outcome

- Input into the draft call topics, contributing towards the final version of the 2025 Work Programme
- Input into the 2025 Forum and clarification on expected SC members involvement before and during the Forum

Timing & location of the meeting

The meeting is scheduled to be held online (via the Webex link below) from 10.00 to 17.15 (CET) on Thursday 10 October 2024

[\[Link to Meeting\]](#)

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AGENDA			
Time (CET)	Item	Doc.	Chair or Speaker(s)
10.00-10.20	SESSION 1 - Welcome, Agenda Adoption, Fifth meeting report		
	1.1. Opening remarks		M. Makanga
	1.2. Draft agenda & expected outcomes - <i>for adoption</i>		J. Gyapong, All
	1.3. Fifth Meeting report adoption	1	J. Gyapong, All
10.20-11.00	SESSION 2 - Updates on WPs 2023, 2024		
	2.1. WP2023, 2024 – Projects, Grant Agreements in Preparation, and ongoing Calls	2	JMV. Habarugira A. Conversano
	2.2. WP2024 - R&D response to MPox outbreak	3,2	L. De Cock JMV. Habarugira
	2.3. Questions and discussion		All
11.00-15.30	SESSION 3 - Discussion and feedback on the 2025 WP draft Call topics		
11.00-11.20	3.1. Summary of proposed 2025 WP call topics, with explanation of the newly introduced “strategic actions”	4,5	L. De Cock JMV. Habarugira
11.20-11.30	Coffee Break		
11.30-13.00	3.2. Discussion and feedback per call topic (part 1) <i>Each topic to be briefly introduced by the Programme Office, before a consensus discussion which is moderated by the SC Chair</i>		
	3.2.1. Tuberculosis vaccines	4,6	JMV. Habarugira; All
	3.2.2. Malaria therapeutics	4,6	JMV. Habarugira; All
	3.2.3. Vaccines against Neglected Tropical Diseases	4,6	JMV. Habarugira; All
	3.2.4. Networks of Excellence and Epidemic Preparedness	4,6	JMV. Habarugira; All
13.00-14.00	Lunch Break		
14.00-15.30	3.2. Discussion and feedback per call topic (part 2) <i>Each topic to be briefly introduced by the Programme Office, before a consensus discussion which is moderated by the SC Chair</i>		

	3.2.5. Fellowships for Biostatisticians, Epidemiologists and Modellers	4,6	JMV. Habarugira; All
	3.2.6. Tackling Climate Sensitive infectious diseases	4,6	JMV. Habarugira; All
	3.2.7. Disruptive innovations	4,6	JMV. Habarugira; All
	3.2.8. Emergency Call	4,6	JMV. Habarugira; All
15.30-15.45	Coffee Break		
15:45 - 17:15	SESSION 4 – Other Updates		
	4.1. 12 th EDCTP Forum: updates from the Programme and Organising Committees	7	L. Pandya
	4.2. Planning for the next SC meeting		SC Chair
	4.3. AOB		All
Meeting Closure			

Documents (for reference or review) shared via TEAMS: [Sixth meeting SC - Oct 2024](#)

- Document 1–5th SC meeting report
- Document 2–Slide deck for the 6th SC Meeting
- Document 3–Summary Note on SC Comments & Follow up actions (based on the WP draft Sep. Version, V1)
- Document 4–The draft 2025 Work Programme (Annex 1A) V2–Most Updated Version
- Document 5 - The draft 2025 Work Programme (Annex 1A) V1– September Version
- Document 6–Update Note on Mpox Research Response
- Document 7–Draft 12th Forum Programme

Annex 2: Attendance list

1. List of Participants (*ALL online*)

1.1. Scientific Committee (SC)

- 1) Prof. John Gyapong, Chair
- 2) Prof. Marleen Temmerman, Vice-Chair
- 3) Prof. Electra Gizeli
- 4) Prof. Halidou Tinto
- 5) Prof. Nicki Tiffin
- 6) Prof. Christine Stabell Benn
- 7) Prof. Keymanthri Moodley
- 8) Prof. Martin Meremikwu
- 9) Dr Claudia Filippone
- 10) Dr Juliet Nabyonga-Orem
- 11) Prof. Paulo Ferrinho
- 12) Dr Xavier Anglaret
- 13) Prof. Meta Roestenberg (*apology*)
- 14) Prof. Pablo Rojo

1.2. Global Health EDCTP3 Programme Office

- 1) Dr Michael Makanga, Executive Director
- 2) Ms Liesbet De Cock, Head of Unit Science Operations
- 3) Dr Jean Marie Vianney Habarugira, Senior Scientific Officer
- 4) Dr Lydia Boudarene, Senior Scientific Officer
- 5) Ms Aleksandra Conversano, Scientific Project Officer
- 6) Ms Claudia Gutierrez-Arbizu, Events Officer & Assistant Calls Coordinator
- 7) Mr Vincent Declerfayt, Head of Unit Finance and Administration (*apology*)
- 8) Mr Laurent Schell, Legal Officer (*on stand-by for questions*)
- 9) Ms Lara Pandya, Communications & Strategic Partnerships Team Leader (*for Session 4*)

1.3. Observers

- 1) Dr Neeraj Mistry, SG Chair Global Health EDCTP3 (*apology*)
- 2) Dr Vaseeharan SATHIYAMOORTHY, World Health Organisation (*apology*)