



**Global Health  
EDCTP3**

**GOVERNING BOARD OF THE GLOBAL HEALTH EDCTPP3 JOINT UNDERTAKING**

**Decision N°**

**GB 20/2022**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on 28 March addressed a letter to the Chairperson of the Governing Board of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking requesting to become a contributing partner. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation supports the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking and expects to make contributions of up to EUR 33 million. The collaboration should be for joint work on genomic epidemiology. The letter is signed by Trevor Mundel, Global Health President of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

This application is hereby accepted by the Governing Board.

Done at Brussels, 3 May 2022

For the Governing Board of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking:

Irene Norstedt

Chairperson

March 25, 2022

To the Governing Board of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking  
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Dear Chair,

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (the "Gates Foundation") has been in conversations with the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking to discuss a potential collaboration over the 2021-2027 period. As a first step in this multiyear process, the Gates Foundation intends to contribute to the EDCTP3 work by supporting activities on genomic epidemiology in 2021-2023. From the Gates Foundation, this initial contribution would be based on funding grantees with up to EUR 33 million to work with the Africa Pathogen Genomics Institute (Africa PGI).

Launched in 2020 in partnership with Africa Centers for Disease Control (Africa CDC) and several public, private and philanthropic partners, the Africa PGI aims to democratize the use of next generation sequencing for pathogens for epidemic and endemic disease control on the African continent.

The integration of epidemiology and genomics, so-called 'genomic epidemiology', will enable countries in Africa to better understand the epidemiology of infectious pathogens, characterize pathogens, and support public health product and intervention design and effectiveness monitoring. Whilst there is expertise and resources for both epidemiology and genomics in Africa, linking the Africa PGI to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking presents an opportunity to support better integration through partnerships between African and European organizations working on collaborative research.

With this letter, the Gates Foundation wishes to advise you of its support for the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking and its intention to become a contributing partner, as defined in Article 2, point (7) of Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021.

As a contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking, the Gates Foundation's intention would be to work with the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking on advancing genomic epidemiology over a period of five years, by supporting activities directly linked to the

activities of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking and contributing to its objectives. The Gates Foundation could also consider additional contributions beyond genomic epidemiology, subject to consultations with the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking.

The contributions contemplated by the Gates Foundation would consist of financial contributions and in-kind contributions to operational activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Mundel', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Trevor Mundel  
Global Health President