

Selection process and specific criteria for the composition of the Scientific Committee

of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking

Article 1

Selection process for the members of the Scientific Committee of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking

1. The selection of candidates for membership of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking's Scientific Committee shall be launched through a Call for Expression of Interest prepared by the Executive Director of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking who shall oversee the process under the responsibility of the Governing Board of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking. The Call for Expressions of Interest shall be made public through the website of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking, as well as in relevant scientific publications.
2. The Executive Director shall prepare a list of all candidates eligible to become members of the Scientific Committee based on the essential criteria in paragraph 1 of Article 2. A candidate who does not meet the essential eligibility criteria shall be excluded from the next steps of the selection process.
3. An evaluation panel composed of a given number of members shall carry out an objective assessment of the eligible candidates on the basis of all the specific selection criteria in paragraph 2 of Article 2 and shall establish a shortlist of fifteen to eighteen candidates who are considered best suited for appointment as well as a reserve list of at most thirty candidates.
4. The Chairperson of the Governing Board shall present the results of the evaluation panel's selection process to the Governing Board, including a full record of the candidates not included in the lists mentioned above as well as of the candidates deemed ineligible by the Executive Director. Based on the lists established by the evaluation panel, the Governing Board shall appoint the Members of the Scientific Committee and approve the reserve list.
5. Members of the Scientific Committee shall be appointed for a three-year period. Upon recommendation by the Executive Director, the Governing Board may decide to renew the appointment for an additional period of two years.
6. The approved reserve list shall be valid for the duration of the term, including any subsequent renewal, of the appointed Scientific Committee. In case of a vacancy, the Governing Board shall, subject to continuing eligibility in terms of the criteria in Article 2, select a new member from the reserve list for a period of three years or for the rest of the duration of the term of the Scientific Committee, whichever is the earliest.
7. Before appointment, all members of the Scientific Committee shall be required to complete a declaration of confidentiality as well as a commitment to disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest according to the procedure established by the Governing Board to give effect to Articles 33 and 42 of the Regulation.
8. The same rules on appointment, reimbursement of costs and allowances, applicable to external experts according to the rules of the European Commission shall apply to the members of the Scientific Committee.

Article 2

Essential eligibility and selection criteria

1. Candidate Members of the Scientific Committee shall meet the following essential eligibility criteria:
 - a. University degree in a relevant scientific area, preferably at post-graduate level;
 - b. At least five years of professional experience in the relevant scientific area after having obtained the above-mentioned degree;

2. Candidate Members of the Scientific Committee shall meet the following specific eligibility criteria:
 - a. Proven competence and expertise in at least one of the following areas:
 - Product development and clinical research in infectious diseases affecting sub-Saharan Africa including HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, neglected infectious diseases, lower respiratory tract infections, diarrhoeal diseases, emerging and re-emerging infections, antimicrobial resistance as well as related co-morbidities
 - Epidemic preparedness research and response
 - Early warning, risk assessment and surveillance of emerging infectious diseases, climate crisis-related infectious disease and antimicrobial resistance
 - Drug and vaccine development, as well as immunisation research for infectious diseases with a focus on poverty-related infectious diseases and neglected tropical diseases
 - Epidemiological research on infectious diseases
 - Implementation research for medical interventions in low and middle income countries, in particular in sub-Saharan Africa
 - Clinical trial design and operations, biostatistics
 - Clinical pharmacology and pharmacokinetics
 - Mathematical modelling for infectious diseases and clinical health research
 - Clinical research Ethics and Regulatory affairs & Pharmacovigilance
 - Training and capacity development of researchers in clinical trial research in low-resource settings
 - Capacity building for medical research in developing countries
 - Social science, community engagement and gender balance in research in low-resource settings
 - Health research systems and policy, translation of research findings into policy guidelines and adoption within public health systems
 - Health research data sharing, data access and governance
 - Climate and Health research
 - Pharmaceutical Industry R&D experience



- b. Very good command of written and spoken English.

In addition, a record of previous participation in other scientific and/or technological advisory bodies, demonstrating the ability to look for consensus and to provide synthetic, wide-spectrum analyses would be considered an asset.

3. In its assessment, the Governing Board shall take into account:
 - a. The scientific competencies and expertise that are necessary to make science-based recommendations to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking. As a whole, the Scientific Committee should have members that are experts in various areas, so there is need to have matching competences among the selected candidates;
 - b. The need to reflect a balanced stakeholder representation, with each of the major groups (academia, research institutes, clinical practice, government and private sector) to be represented;
 - c. The need to ensure geographical and gender balance. As far as possible, the Global Health EDCTP3 Scientific Committee should be balanced in terms of North-South representation with preference for European and African experts.
4. European Commission staff, including external staff working for the Commission, staff of the Joint Research Centre, officials of Member States, and of national, regional or local authorities shall not be eligible.
5. Persons who are employed by an organisation that is member of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking or who are employed directly by the joint undertaking shall not be eligible.
6. The Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking shall reserve the right to request any necessary documentary evidence it deems fit and relevant in order to verify the applicants' skills and knowledge.

The candidate members shall be required to inform the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking immediately of any changes to their administrative and technical details, which would result in a change to their original application.