

Annex 2 to GB decision No GH-EDCTP3-GB/23/2024

Call For Expression of Interest for the selection of members of the Scientific Committee

of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking

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1. Background

The Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (Global Health EDCTP3 JU) is a partnership between the European Union and the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) Association whose members are several EU Member States and Associated countries and several African countries. The Global Health EDCTP3 JU is established by Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe¹. It aims at supporting clinical research to deliver solutions to reduce the burden of infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa and strengthen research capacities to prepare and respond to emerging infectious diseases.

The first and second European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) programmes^{2,3} represent since 2003 a flagship for conducting sound multi-country clinical trials in sub-Saharan Africa, building a true partnership between Europe and Africa, and fostering African leadership in scientific research. These programmes have also contributed to improving linkages between African researchers and African research organisations, which resulted in the launch of four African Regional Networks of Excellence for clinical trials. Moreover, they have strengthened the ethics review capacity and national regulatory authorities in many African countries and contributed to establish relevant organisations in the region.

Building on the positive experience of the previous EDCTP programmes, the Global Health EDCTP3 JU intends to:

- Reduce the socio-economic burden of infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa by promoting the development and uptake of new or improved health technologies;
- Increase health security in sub-Saharan Africa and globally by strengthening the research and innovation-based capacities for preparedness and response to control infectious diseases.

The Global Health EDCTP3 JU is established until 31 December 2031.

The governance of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU is led by a Governing Board, in which both the EDCTP Association and the European Commission, representing the Union, have equal votes. The implementation of the programme is ensured by a programme office under the lead of an Executive Director. The Global Health EDCTP3 JU is to be advised by a Scientific Committee and a Stakeholders Group.

¹ Council Regulation (EU)2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe and repealing Regulations (EC) No 219/2007, (EU) No 557/2014, (EU) No 558/2014, (EU) No 559/2014, (EU) No 560/2014, (EU) No 561/2014 and (EU) No 642/2014 (OJ L 427 of 30/11/2021, p. 17–119)

²Decision 556/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the participation of the Union in a second European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership Programme (EDCTP2) jointly undertaken by several Member States EUR-Lex - 32014D0556 - EN - EUR-Lex (europa.eu)

³ Decision No 1209/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2003 on Community participation in a research and development programme aimed at developing new clinical interventions to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis through a long-term partnership between Europe and developing countries, undertaken by several Member States



The Scientific Committee of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU has the following tasks:

- (a) advise on the scientific priorities to be addressed in the work programmes including on scope of calls for proposals, in line with the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda and the Horizon Europe strategic planning;
- (b) advise on the scientific achievements to be described in the annual activity report;
- (c) suggest, in view of the progress of the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda and individual actions, corrective measures or re-orientations to the governing board, where necessary;
- (d) provide independent advice and scientific analysis on specific issues as requested by the governing board, in particular as regards developments in adjacent sectors or to support the assessment of applications of potential associated members and contributing partners;
- (e) assist in the design of the strategic and scientific planning of the activities of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking;
- (f) advise on strategies to foster synergies and partnerships with all stakeholders;
- (g) contribute to the preparation of strategic and scientific documents relevant to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking, as required;
- (h) provide strategic and scientific advice to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking and ensure the successful completion of on-going projects;
- (i) identify strategic needs and priorities for accelerating the development of new or improved clinical interventions, including the required training, networking and capacity building to be undertaken to achieve those objectives;
- (j) review the landscape of poverty-related and neglected diseases to identify the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking's role in partnership with other stakeholders to accelerate the development or improvement of interventions against those diseases;
- (k) assess the state of global product development pathways and the critical path opportunities for future product development;
- (I) provide advice on the review of any calls for proposals and other programmes;
- (m) provide support and input on the monitoring and evaluation framework of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking, as well as in the monitoring of scientific outcomes and strategic impacts of the grants funded by the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking;
- (n) advise, assist and participate in Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking working groups, stakeholder meetings, EDCTP Forum and other relevant events.



2. Composition of the group

There shall be a balanced representation of experts among the members of the Scientific Committee, within the scope of the activities of the Joint Undertaking, including with respect to gender and geographical balance. Collectively, the members of the Scientific Committee shall have the necessary competences and expertise covering the technical domain in order to make science-based recommendations to the joint undertaking, taking into account the climate, environmental and socioeconomic impact of such recommendations and the objectives of the joint undertaking.

The Scientific Committee shall ensure the inclusion of scientific expertise from African countries.

The Scientific Committee will have fifteen to eighteen Members. Through this call for Expression of Interest a short-list of candidates will be constituted to fill the available seats on the Scientific Committee.

In order to fill seats that may fall vacant, a reserve list of up to thirty candidates for membership in the Global Health EDCTP3 JU Scientific Committee will also be constituted.

3. Appointment

The Governing Board of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU shall appoint the members of the Scientific Committee for a three-year period. They shall remain in office until replaced or until the end of their term of office, whichever is earlier. Upon recommendation by the Executive Director, the Governing Board may decide to renew the appointment for an additional period of two years.

The approved reserve list of up to thirty candidates 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 presented in section 5, 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 shortest.

4. Rules of engagement and operation of the Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee shall elect its chair from among its members.

The Scientific Committee shall meet at least twice a year in Global Health EDCTP3 JU premises or virtually depending on the circumstances. Meetings shall be convened by the chairperson.

The chairperson may invite other persons to attend its meetings as observers. The Scientific Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure. The agenda of meetings shall be made publicly available in a timely manner on the website of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU.



After each meeting of the scientific advisory body, its chairperson shall submit to the Governing Board a report outlining the body's and its members' opinions on the matters discussed during the meeting. To the extent possible, the report shall be made publicly available on the website of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU.

The Scientific Committee may, of its own initiative, advise the Governing Board to consult it on specific points not covered by the tasks set out in section 1 of the Council Regulation 2021/2085 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe. To the extent possible, the report shall be made publicly available on the website of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU.

The Scientific Committee shall be informed of the reasons in the event that its advice on the work programme and the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda is not followed.

The chairperson shall prepare an annual report on the previous year's activities and achievements of the Scientific Committee and submit it for approval by the Governing Board.

Meetings will be conducted in English and documents will be drafted in English.

The Global Health EDCTP3 JU programme office shall provide secretarial services to the Scientific Committee.

The members of the Scientific Committee, as well as invited observers, shall be subject to the obligation of professional secrecy which, by virtue of the Treaties and the rules implementing them, applies to all members of the institutions and their staff, as well as to the Commission's rules on security regarding the protection of sensitive non- classified and Union classified information, laid down in Commission Decisions (EU, Euratom) 2015/443(31) and (EU, Euratom) 2015/444(32), respectively.

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 Council Regulation 2021/2085 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe.

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.



5. Application procedure.

Interested individuals are invited to submit their application to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking via the functional mailbox:

EC-GLOBAL-HEALTH-EDCTP3-EOI-SCIENTIFIC-COMMITTEE@ec.europa.eu

Applications must be completed in one of the official languages of the European Union. However, applications in English would facilitate the evaluation procedure. If another language is used, it would be helpful to include a summary of the application in English.

An application will be deemed admissible only if it is sent by the deadline and includes:

- A cover letter explaining the candidate's motivation for applying and how the applicant fulfils the criteria set out below.
- A curriculum vitae (CV)

Deadline for applications

The duly signed applications must be sent by 30 September 2024 23:59:00 hrs (Central European Time) at the latest to the following e-mail address:

EC-GLOBAL-HEALTH-EDCTP3-EOI-SCIENTIFIC-COMMITTEE@ec.europa.eu

The date of the e-mail will be the date of sending.

Selection criteria

The Governing Board of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU will take the following criteria into account when assessing applications:

Candidate Members of the Scientific Committee shall meet the following essential eligibility criteria:

- University degree in a relevant scientific area, preferably at post-graduate level;
- At least five years of professional experience in the relevant scientific area after having obtained the above-mentioned degree;

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 crisisrelated 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
- 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.

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.

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.

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.



Selection procedure

The selection procedure shall consist of an assessment of all applications against the admissibility and the essential eligibility criteria. The Executive Director shall prepare a list of all candidates eligible to become members of the Scientific Committee based on the essential criteria.

An evaluation panel shall carry out an objective assessment of the eligible candidates on the basis of all the specific selection criteria set out in the previous section.

In its assessment, the Governing Board shall take into account:

- 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;
- The need to reflect a balanced stakeholder representation, with each of the major groups (academia, research institutes, clinical practice, government and private sector, including pharmaceutical industry) to be represented;
- 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.

The Governing Board shall establish a shortlist of candidates who are considered best suited for appointment as well as add candidates on the reserve list.

The Chair 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 whose applications were deemed inadmissible or 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 a reserve list of up to thirty candidates.

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.

6. Further information

For any further information, please contact

EC-GLOBAL-HEALTH-EDCTP3-EOI-SCIENTIFIC-COMMITTEE@ec.europa.eu





PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

This privacy statement provides information about the processing and the protection of your personal data.

Processing operation: Processing of personal data in the framework of the selection of members of the Scientific Committee and of the Stakeholders' Group of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (JU)

Records references: DPO-07-05

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1. Introduction

The protection of your privacy is of high importance to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU. The Global Health EDCTP3 JU is committed to respecting and protecting your personal data and ensuring your privacy rights.

All data of a personal nature processed within the framework of the selection of members of the Scientific Committee and of the Stakeholders' Group of the Global Health (GH) EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (JU), namely data that can identify you directly or indirectly, will be handled fairly, lawfully and with due care.

This processing operation is subject to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data. The information in this communication is given pursuant to Articles 15 and 16 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

The selection of members of the Scientific Committee and of members of the Stakeholders' Group are carried out via a public call for expressions of interest. The Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking demonstrates a high level of transparency of its activities and operations. This includes publishing on its website the names of individuals serving on the different governance bodies, including the members of the Scientific Committee and the Stakeholders' Group.

2. Controller/Joint controllers/Processors

The relevant processing operation are under the responsibility of the Executive Director of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU, acting as the Data Controller. Your personal data are processed on the basis of applicable data protection legislation by Global Health EDCTP3 JU, located Avenue de la Toison d'Or, 1060 Brussels, Belgium. The Global Health EDCTP3 JU can be contacted by post (postal address TO-56, B-1049, Brussels, Belgium) or by email to EC-GLOBAL-HEALTH-EDCTP3@ec.europa.eu.

The Global Health EDCTP3 JU has appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO). The task of the DPO is to ensure, in an independent manner, that the Union body complies with the data protection law and protects individuals' rights and freedoms by protecting effectively their personal data. The DPO of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU can be contacted by post (postal address TO-56, B-1049, Brussels, Belgium) or by email to <u>EC-GH-EDCTP3-DATA-PROTECTION@ec.europa.eu</u>.

3. Why and how do we process your personal data?

The Controller collects and uses your personal data to select the members of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU Scientific Committee and the members of the Stakeholders' Group. In that context, in order to select among the applicants who best fulfil the selection criteria mentioned in the respective calls



for expressions of interest, the Global Health EDCTP3 JU collects and assesses personal information of candidate members of the Scientific Committee and Stakeholders' Group, respectively.

For candidates, personal data is stored by the staff of Global Health EDCTP3 JU managing the Scientific Committee and Stakeholders' Group.

After selection, by accepting the nomination or appointment, the Scientific Committee or Stakeholders' Group members agree with the publication of their names, country and affiliation on the Global Health EDCTP3 JU website.

Your personal data will <u>not</u> be used for an automated decision-making including profiling.

4. Categories of data subjects

Candidates 1) selected for the position of member and 2) placed on the reserve list of the Scientific Committee or the Stakeholders' Group of Global Health EDCTP3 JU.

5. Which personal data we collect and further process and on which legal grounds?

We process your personal data, because processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest (Article 5(1) (a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725), since it allows for the selection of members of the Scientific Committee and the Stakeholders' Group.

Processing is also necessary to comply with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject (Article 5(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725).

The specific legal basis of the processing under Article 5(1)(a) and (b) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 is the Council Regulation (EU) 2021/2085 of 30 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe and repealing Regulations (EC) No 219/2007, (EU) No 557/2014, (EU) No 558/2014, (EU) No 559/2014, (EU) No 560/2014, (EU) No 561/2014 and (EU) No 642/2014 and in particular Articles 21(4) and 22(3) thereof.



In order to carry out these processing operations, the Controller collects the following categories of personal data:

First Name and Last Name;

Date and place of birth;

Country of birth;

Function;

Nationality;

Gender;

Contact details (e-mail address, telephone number, mobile telephone number, postal address, company or university or research institution and department, country of residence).

Information for the evaluation of selection criteria or eligibility criteria (expertise, technical skills and languages, educational background, professional experience, including details on current and past employment);

Bank account details.

The provision to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU of the personal data required is mandatory to meet a legal requirement of selecting members of the Scientific Committee and the Stakeholders' Group as set in Council Regulation 2021/2085.

In principle, the name, country and affiliation of the selected members are made publicly available on the website of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking to ensure transparency on the composition and functioning of the GLOBAL HEALTH EDCTP3 JU governance bodies.

If you do not provide the personal data required, possible consequences are that you will not be considered for selection as a member of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU Scientific Committee or the Stakeholders' Group or, if already selected, your membership will be suspended.

6. Who has access to your personal data and to whom is it disclosed?

Access to your personal data collected in the course of the process of selection of members of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU Scientific Committee or the Stakeholders' Group is provided to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU staff authorised for carrying out this processing operation and to other authorised Global Health EDCTP3 JU staff according to the "need to know" principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.



The recipients of personal data can be - depending on the purpose of the meeting: Global Health EDCTP3 JU Executive Director; Global Health EDCTP3 JU staff: Assistant of the Executive Director, Legal Officer and Data Protection Officer(s); other members and observers of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU governance bodies; External evaluators or experts assisting the Global Health EDCTP3 JU: Auditors, European Commission and its services; Police.

Access to personal data is also provided to the members of the Governing Board or their representatives who are involved in the selection of members of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU Scientific Committee or the Stakeholders' Group. Members of the Governing Board or their representatives are bound by the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Board to confidentiality of all its proceedings and sign a declaration of confidentiality and of conflict of interest to this effect.

The name, country and affiliation of the selected members, as explained in Heading 5, are made publicly available on the website of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU.

The information we collect will not be given to any third party, except to the extent and for the purpose we may be required to do so by law.

7. How long do we keep your personal data?

The Controller only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing. The following modalities apply:

The Global Health EDCTP3 JU keeps personal data submitted to them as part of rejected applications for maximum 3 years after the end of the selection process and do not process them for other purposes; these personal data are not published.

The names of the members of the Scientific Committee, the Stakeholders' Group and the other governance bodies of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU and other types of personal data, as described in Heading 5, are published on the website of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU during the duration of existence of the respective bodies.

When an individual is no longer member of the Scientific Committee, the Stakeholders' Group or one of the other governance bodies, all personal data related to this individual, is removed from the website and is therefore not public anymore.

The Global Health EDCTP3 JU services keep personal data for the period during which the relevant individual is a member of the Scientific Committee, the Stakeholders' Group or other governance body of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU and for 5 years after the date on which the individual is no longer member.



8. How do we protect and safeguard your personal data?

In order to protect your personal data, the Global Health EDCTP3 JU has put in place a number of technical and organisational measures. Technical measures include appropriate actions to address online security, risk of data loss, alteration of data or unauthorised access, taking into consideration the risk presented by the processing and the nature of the personal data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to the personal data solely to authorised persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

9. Transfer to a third country or international organisation

We process your personal data within the European Economic Area (EEA).

10. What are your rights and how to exercise them?

You have specific rights as a 'data subject' under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. In particular:

- You have the right to request access to all personal data processed by us pertaining to you.
- You have the right to rectification, i.e. to ask that any personal data pertaining to you that are inaccurate, be corrected.
- You have the right to erasure, i.e. to request that personal data pertaining to you be deleted if these data are no longer required in the light of the purposes outlined above in Heading 3.
- You have the right to restriction instead of deletion, i.e. to request that we limit the processing of your personal data.
- You have the right to object to the processing of personal data if the processing by us is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest, unless if we demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds which override your interests, rights and freedoms or for the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims.
- You have the right to data portability, i.e. to receive from us in a structured, commonly-used and machine-readable format all personal data you have provided to us if the processing is based on your consent or a contract with you and the processing is carried out by automated means.

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Global Health EDCTP3 JU Data Protection Officer by post (postal address TO-56, B-1049, Brussels, Belgium) or by email to <u>EC-GH-EDCTP3-DATA-PROTECTION@ec.europa.eu</u>



The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

If you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the Global Health EDCTP3 JU, as a data subject, you have a right to recourse to the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) at any time by e-mail to <u>edps@edps.europa.eu</u> or a letter to the EDPS postal address marked for the attention of the EDPS DPO:

European Data Protection Supervisor Rue Wiertz 60 B-1047 Brussels BELGIUM

For more information on the EDPS, please consult their website: https://www.edps.europa.

11. Where to find more detailed information?

The Global Health EDCTP3 JU Data Protection Officer (DPO) publishes the Register of all processing operations on personal data by the Global Health EDCTP3 JU on the Global Health EDCTP3 JU's website. The Register can be found <u>here</u>.

This specific processing operation has been included in the Global Health EDCTP3 JU Public Register with the following Record reference: DPO-07-05.