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## Minutes of the EDCTP Association General Assembly (GA) hybrid meeting on 6 November 2023

Date and time: Monday, 6 November 2023, 09:30-15:00 hours CET  
Paris, France

### MEETING PARTICIPANTS

#### General Assembly Member Representatives present:

Austria (AT) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Elisabeth Tischelmayer (AT-ET)
Belgium (BE) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Saskia Decuypere (BE-SD)
Burkina Faso (BF) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Sodiomon B. Sirima (BF-SS)
Congo (CG) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Francine Ntoumi (CG-FN)
Côte d'Ivoire (CI) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Louis Penali (CI-LP)
Côte d'Ivoire (CI) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Man-Koumba Souhamoro (CI-MKS)
Denmark (DK) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Mikkel Lyndrup (DK-ML)
Ethiopia (ET) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Alemseged Abdissa (ET-AA)
France (FR) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Eric D'Ortenzio (EDCTP Board Member) (FR-EDO)
France (FR) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Virginie Sivan (FR-VS)
France (FR) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Laurent Jabobeuf (FR-LJ) – <i>technical adviser</i>
Gabon (GA) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Ayola Akim Adegnika (GA-AA)
Germany (DE) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Henning Gädeke (EDCTP Board Chair) (DE-HG), <i>Chairperson</i>
Germany (DE) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Andrea Spelberg (DE-AS)
Germany (DE) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Anne Schmöle (DE-ASc) – <i>technical adviser</i>
Germany (DE) ( <i>virtually</i> )	Laura de la Cruz (DE-LC)
Guinea-Bissau (GW) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Baltazar Cá (GW-BC)
Mali (ML) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Mahamadou Ali Thera (ML-MT)
Mozambique (MZ) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Sérgio Chicumbe (MZ-SC)
Mozambique (MZ) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Francisco Saúte (MZ-FS)
Netherlands, The (NL) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Gerrie Tuitert (NL-GT)
Nigeria (NG) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Chris Isokpunwu (NG-HB)
Nigeria (NG) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Ayoola Olusola (NG-AO)
Norway (NO) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Karine Kålsås (NO-KK)
Portugal (PT) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Marta Norton (PT-MN)
Portugal (PT) ( <i>in-person</i> )	Carlos Almeida Pereira (PT-CP)

#### Abbreviations:

AACHRD - African Advisory Committee for Research and Development  
 ACT - Access to COVID-19 Tools  
 ACT-A-Dx - Accelerator Diagnostics Pillar  
 Africa CDC - Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention  
 AIGHD - Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development  
 AU – African Union  
 AUDA-NEPAD – African Union Development Agency  
 ALERRT - African coalition for Epidemic Research, Response and Training  
 AVAREF - African Vaccine Regulatory Forum  
 BMGF - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
 BRCC - Botnar Research Centre for Child Health  
 CEPI - Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations  
 CONCVACT - Consortium for COVID-19 Vaccine Trials  
 COVAX - the vaccines pillar of the ACT Accelerator  
 COVID-19 - Corona Virus Disease 2019  
 CSAs – Coordination and Support Actions  
 DNDi - Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative  
 EC – European Commission  
 EPI - Expanded Programme on Immunization  
 FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions



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Rwanda (RW) (*virtually*)  
Rwanda (RW) (*in-person*)  
South Africa (ZA) (*in-person*)  
South Africa (ZA) (*virtually*)  
South Africa (ZA) (*in-person*)  
South Africa (ZA) (*virtually*)  
South Africa (ZA) (*virtually*)  
Spain (ES) (*virtually*)  
Sweden (SE) (*virtually*)  
Sweden (SE) (*virtually*)  
Tanzania (TZ) (*in-person*)  
Uganda (UG) (*in-person*)  
United Kingdom (UK) (*in-person*)  
United Kingdom (UK) (*in-person*)  
United Kingdom (UK) (*in-person*)  
Zimbabwe (ZW) (*in-person*)

**General Assembly Members absent:**

Cameroon (CM)  
Democratic Republic of the Congo (CD)  
Finland (FI)  
Gambia, The (GM)  
Ghana (GH)  
Guinea-Conakry (GN)  
Ireland (IE)  
Italy (IT) (Representative TBD)  
Kenya (KE)  
Liberia (LR)  
Luxembourg (LU)  
Malawi (MW)  
Niger (NE)  
Senegal (SN)  
Sierra Leone (SL)  
Somalia (SO)  
Zambia (ZM)

**General Assembly Observers present:**

Claude Muvunyi (RW-CM)  
Vedaste Ndahindwa (RW-VN)  
Glaudina Loots (EDCTP Board Vice-Chair) (ZA-GL)  
Vinny Pillay (ZA-VP)  
Andiswa Zitho (ZA-AZ) – *technical adviser*  
Ntombi Mchuba (ZA-NM) – *technical adviser*  
Rakeshnie Ramoutar-Prieschl (ZA-RP) – *technical adviser*  
Elena Doménech (ES-ED) – *technical adviser*  
Maria-Teresa Bejarano (EDCTP Board Vice-Chair) (SE-MB)  
Markus Moll (SE-MM)  
Khadija Malima (TZ-KM)  
Samuel Okware (EDCTP Board Member) (UG-SO)  
Mark Palmer (UK-MP)  
Samia Majid (UK-SM) – *technical adviser*  
Val Snewin (UK-VS)  
Collen Masimirembwa (ZW-CM)

FB - Fondation Botnar  
FIND - Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics  
GA – General Assembly  
GloPID-R - Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness  
GF – the Global Fund  
GMP - Global Malaria Program  
GPH - EU-Africa Global Health Partnership (EDCTP3)  
HR – High Representative  
IKAA – In-Kind contributions to Additional Activities  
JU – Joint Undertaking  
MoU - Memorandum of Understanding  
MMV - Medicines for Malaria Venture  
NCDs - Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases  
NITAGs - National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups  
NHRS - National Health Research System  
NRAs - National Regulatory Authorities  
PANDORA-ID-NET - Pan-African Network for Rapid Research, Response, Relief and Preparedness for Infectious Diseases Epidemics  
RIAs - Research and Innovation Actions  
PDP - Product Development Partnership  
PPE - Personal Protective Equipment  
PRDs - Poverty-related diseases  
PS – Participating State  
PSIA – Participating State Initiated Activities  
SAC – Scientific Advisory Committee  
SDGs – Sustainable Development Goals  
SEC – EDCTP Secretariat  
SRIA - Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda  
SSA - Sub-Saharan Africa  
TDR - The Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases  
UNGA – United Nations General Assembly  
UKCDR - UK Collaborative on Development Research  
WHO – World Health Organization



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Chair Scientific Advisory Committee Chair (SAC) (*in-person*) Harleen Grewal (SAC Chair) (SAC-HG)  
European Commission (EC) (*in-person*) Jan Paehler (EC-JP)  
GH EDCTP3 JU Interim Executive Director Elmar Nimmesgern (JU-EN)  
WHO Regional Office for Africa (WHO-AFRO) (*in-person*) Joseph Okeibunor (WHO-AFRO-JO)

WHO-AFRO - World Health Organization – Regional Office for Africa.

**EDCTP Secretariat (SEC) present:**

Executive Director (SEC) (*in-person*) Michael Makanga (SEC-MM)  
High Representative Europe (SEC) (*in-person*) Marcel Tanner (SEC-MT)  
Director of Finance & Administration (SEC) (*in-person*) Abdoulie Barry (SEC-AB)  
Operations Manager (SEC) (*in-person*) Pauline Beattie (SEC-PB)  
Strategic Partnerships & Capacity Dev. Manager – Thomas Nyirenda (SEC-TN)  
Head of Africa Office (SEC-TN) (*in-person*)  
Senior Strategic Partnerships Officer (*in-person*) Lara Pandya (SEC-LP)  
Project Officer (SEC) (*in-person*) Michelle Singh (SEC-MS)  
Executive Governance Officer (SEC) (*in-person*) Isabel Reis (SEC-IR)

**SUMMARY OF DECISIONS AND ACTION POINTS**

#	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS AND ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1.3	Approval of the agenda	<b>DECISION:</b> The agenda of the GA meeting of 6 November (document 1) was approved.		
1.5	Approval of the minutes of the GA meeting of 25 May 2023	<b>DECISION:</b> The minutes of the GA meeting of 25 May 2023 (document 2) were approved.		
3.2	EDCTP High Representative Activities Report 2023	<b>DECISION:</b> The EDCTP High Representative Activities Report 2023 (document 8) was approved.  <b>ACTION:</b> SEC to follow-up on the finalisation of the EDCTP High Representative work plan for 2024, for Board approval.		
4.4	Update on Africa Office activities implemented as part of the GH EDCTP3	<b>ACTION:</b> EDCTP to explore participation at the next WHO-AFRO Regional Committee.		