

High-level conference on the second EDCTP programme

5 November 2012
Cape Town, South Africa

This high-level conference will mark an important step in the consultation of African and international stakeholders on the second EDCTP programme (EDCTP2, 2014-2024) and in rising additional public/private engagement and support to EDCTP. It will provide a forum to discuss stakeholders needs, opportunities and expectations in EDCTP2, as well as to provide endorsement and announce commitments and pledges.

Specifically, the following four strategic key issues as regards EDCTP2 will be addressed and conclusions sought: 1) lessons learnt from EDCTP1, 2) the scope of EDCTP2, 3) the role and commitment of the participating European and African countries, 4) the private sector's participation and engagement in EDCTP2, in particular of industries, foundations and charities.

The speakers and audience will include European, African and international high-level speakers from policy, industry, patient organisations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and research. A total of approximately 200 participants are expected.

After the conference, a conclusive conference report will be prepared, summarising the key issues discussed, the up-front commitments provided, and draw conclusions which will feed into the next steps of the preparation for the EDCTP2 programme.

The conference is organised jointly by the South African Department for Science & Technology and the European Commission on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the signing of the S&T cooperation agreement between the European Union and South Africa.

Draft Agenda

A networking dinner will take place on 4th November and visits to clinical trials sites in and around Cape Town will be organised on 6th November.

5 th Nov. 2012	Working title	Speaker
08:00-09:00	Registration	
	I. OPENING (09:00-10:30) Chairperson: Naledi Pandor , South African Minister for Science and Technology	
09:00-09:10	Welcome Address	Naledi Pandor , South African Minister for Science and Technology
09:10-09:50	Opening Addresses	Maire Geoghegan-Quinn , European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science Pascoal Mocumbi , EDCTP High Representative and former Prime Minister of Mozambique Stavros Malas , Minister of Health, Cyprus Maria da Graça Carvalho , Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly
09:50-10:10	Keynote Speech "Empowering Africa for global health in the 21 st century"	Michel Sidibé , Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
10:10-10:30	Keynote Speech "Conducting clinical research in Africa – building blocks for success"	Trevor Mundel , President of the Bill&Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Health Program
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	

	II. LESSONS LEARNT WITH EDCTP1 (11.00-12:45) Chairperson:	
11:00-11:20	Orientation Speech "Health research and development in Africa – the impact of EDCTP"	Prof. Eva Marie Coll Seck , Minister of Health and Social Work of Senegal
11:20-12:30	Roundtable Discussion "Lessons learnt from the first EDCTP programme"	
12:30-14:00	Lunch	
	III. TOWARDS EDCTP2 (14:00-16:30) Chairperson: Georg Schütte , State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research	
14:00-14:15	Orientation Speech "Working together for global goals"	Sir John Savill , Chief Executive and Deputy Chair of the UK Medical Research Council
14:15-14:30	Orientation Speech "African expectations and participation in EDCTP2"	Beth Mugo , Minister of Public Health and Sanitation of Kenya
14:30-14:45	Orientation Speech "Opportunities for health innovation"	Jean Stephenne , Chairman and President of GSK Biologicals
14:45-16:30	Roundtable Discussion "From health research to health delivery: opportunities and challenges for EDCTP2"	
16:30-17:00	Coffee break	
	IV. CLOSING SESSION (17:00-17:30) Chairperson: Phil Mjwara , Director-General of the South African Department of Science and Technology	
17:00-17:10	Closing speech	Richard Bruton , Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation of Ireland
17:10-17:20	Closing speech	Martin Schulz , President of the European Parliament
17:20-17:30	Conclusions & next steps	Robert-Jan Smits , Director-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
17:30	Closing remarks	Phil Mjwara , Director-General of the South African Department of Science and Technology
	V. CONFERENCE DINNER (19:00-21:30)	
19.00-21:30	Conference dinner at the Cape Town International Convention Centre	

