Sixth EDCTP Forum
Strengthening Research Partnerships for Better Health and Sustainable Development
09 - 12 October 2011 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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Welcome

Our esteemed partners in the fight against poverty-related diseases, the sixth EDCTP forum presents an opportunity for us to work together. Partnership and networking are fundamental values of EDCTP and for this reason you are invited to be part of this great event. As we focus our efforts on Strengthening Research Partnerships for Better Health and Sustainable Development, a collaborative approach is critical.

We look forward to your contributions and seeing you in the horn of Africa.

Dr Michael Makanga
Director South-South Cooperation and Head of Africa Office
About the Sixth EDCTP Forum

The Sixth EDCTP Forum will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 9 to 12 October 2011. The theme of the Forum is Strengthening Research Partnerships for Better Health and Sustainable Development, taking into account the past, present and the future of EDCTP, and underscoring the need for effective and sustainable partnerships for health research and development in the fight against diseases of poverty. This Forum will be an international platform for the presentation and discussion of frontier research relating to the three main poverty-related diseases (PRDs) of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, as well as presentation of related capacity development and networking activities.

This year’s forum expects to welcome approximately 500 participants including representatives from research institutions, universities, like-minded organisations, governments, regional bodies and industry. It presents a unique opportunity to establish and reinforce cooperation and synergy among EDCTP stakeholders, share experiences and gather ideas that will contribute to and inform future research and development.

Forum objectives

The main purpose of the Sixth EDCTP Forum is to bring together the various EDCTP stakeholders and to share the achievements of the eight years of the Partnership’s existence, to showcase project outcomes of EDCTP research, capacity strengthening and networking activities in sub-Saharan Africa. Additionally, the forum aims to:

- Promote African and European leaders’ support for research in HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and increase awareness of the need for clinical trials activities in Africa
- Provide a platform for bridging partnerships by bringing together Member States and third-party partners
- Support engagement between African and European scientific communities, as well as partners from other regions in order to shape an effective and appropriate research agenda.
Forum programme

The forum programme will include a variety of high-profile speakers from the scientific, policy, ethics, regulatory and political fields. During the forum a wide range of research topics on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, as well as cross cutting issues such as ethics and regulatory affairs will be covered.

The official opening will take place on Sunday 9 October, between 15:00 and 17:00 hrs, followed by a cocktail reception.

On Monday 10 October, African and European leaders will speak on the need for and commitment to clinical research to fight the three PRDs in a forum prologue session. Thereafter the programme will focus on actual projects outcomes from completed and ongoing research activities in sub-Saharan Africa.

On Tuesday 11 October, during the plenary morning session a variety of speakers will present an overview of recent advances in HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria clinical trials followed by parallel sessions in the afternoon. The day will round off with a plenary session focusing on future strategy for clinical research and research capacity development in the three PRDs.

On the morning of Wednesday 12 October, EDCTP research partners, funders and donors will present an overview of their work and collaborative efforts with EDCTP. This will be followed with continuation of parallel session on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria clinical trials, as well as capacity building and networking for health research, ethics and regulatory framework in Africa. The programme will end with a wrap up of recommendations and future outlooks.

The preliminary programme is available for download on the forum website at www.edctpforum.org.
## Sixth EDCTP Forum committees

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Sponsorship opportunities

The EDCTP forum has developed into one of the major conferences in Africa related to the three PRDs. For this reason, the forum provides excellent possibilities to highlight key activities to a diverse audience including representatives from research institutions, universities, like-minded organisations, governments, regional bodies and industry. The sponsorship packages offer sponsors the opportunity to support the Sixth EDCTP Forum and raise their organisation’s visibility during all days of the meeting.

Addis Ababa package

*Raise your profile*

This exclusive package will link the sponsor’s name to the social events organised by the forum committee during the evenings. The social events offer all forum delegates the opportunity to enjoy typical Ethiopian cuisine and the entertainment programme. During the events, participants will have the chance to meet, catch up on the discussions of the day and network. The events provide unique opportunity to raise the sponsor organisation’s profile and increase their familiarity with the networks of stakeholders.

Dire Dawa package

*Support African researchers*

The forum’s Dire Dawa package will enable African researchers to attend the Sixth EDCTP Forum to present the findings of their research and to meet other researchers working in their field or related fields. Each researcher will receive a return airfare, accommodation, full conference registration, per diems for the duration of the forum and assistance with visa applications and travel insurance.
Adama package  
_Distribute your goodies_

Select the Adama package if you would like to distribute your organisation’s goodies to all participants attending the Sixth EDCTP Forum. These will be included in the forum bag, which is given to each delegate. They may include information materials such as flyers and brochures, and any other promotional goodies to raise awareness of the sponsor’s organisation.

Gondor package  
_Marketplace exhibitor_

The Gondor package offers opportunities for organisations to highlight key activities to a large audience at the marketplace area. Two types of stands are available: 9m² (3x3m) and 6m² (3x2m). The marketplace stand space includes:
- Walls
- Lights
- Electric plugs
- 1 table
- 2 chairs
- 1 open cupboard with 2 shelves.
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* For private industry please note there is a minimum sponsorship of two researchers

**Sponsorship interest form**

Organisations interested in our sponsorship opportunities are requested to complete the sponsorship interest form available on the Sixth EDCTP Forum website at www.edctpforum.org. Please note that received sponsorship applications will be subject to the forum committee’s approval.

For more information, please contact us at sponsor@edctp.org.
Registration

All registrations for the Sixth EDCTP Forum must be submitted using the online registration form available at www.edctpforum.org. The registration includes:

- Access to the United Nations Conference Centre facilities
- Entry to the Opening Ceremony and all plenary and parallel sessions
- Entry to the poster presentation area
- Entry to the marketplace area
- Meals as indicated in the forum programme
- Entry to the forum social events
- The forum bag with programme book.

Registration fees

The Sixth EDCTP Forum’s selected sponsors will not be charged for registration fee. During submission of registration through the online form, sponsors are kindly requested to select the option ‘Sponsor’ under type of participant.

Accommodation

EDCTP has pre-booked a limited number of rooms at the following hotels:

- Hilton
- Jupiter International
- Intercontinental Hotel

These rooms are available at special rates. Participants who wish to benefit from the special rates should send a booking request to travel@edctp.org.

If you wish to make your own hotel arrangements, EDCTP has selected a few suggestions for alternative hotel accommodation in Addis Ababa. A detailed list of hotels is available at www.edctpforum.org.
The forum will take place at United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Addis Ababa Ethiopia, which has hosted many high-profile conferences and offers versatile facilities to the forum.

The UNCC-AA is composed of 4 floors:

- the basement consists of the reproduction unit and the technical teams
- the ground floor consists of the communication team, clinic, media center, translation team and training center,
- the first floor is composed of all the conference rooms, caucus rooms and offices of the Conference Coordination Unit (CCU),
- the second floor is mainly composed of the cafeteria, dining rooms and coffee shop.

This venue is located next from the historic African Hall and the offices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and other UN Agencies, just 10 minutes drive from the airport. It is also situated close to government ministries, many of the city’s hotels, restaurants and shopping centres.
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Ethiopia is as large as France and Spain combined and has an area of 1,112,000 square metres. Addis Ababa is situated at an altitude of 2,400 metres. Agriculture is the backbone of the national economy and the principal exports from this sector include coffee, oil seeds, pulses, flowers, vegetables, sugar and animal feed. About 90% of the population earn its living from the land. There is also a thriving livestock sector and exports include cattle and hides and skins.

The population of Ethiopia is estimated at 68 million and over 50% of the population is under 20 years of age. There are eighty-three languages with 200 dialects, and the three main languages are Amharic, Tigrigna and Oromigna. English, French, Italian and Arabic are also spoken, mainly in Addis Ababa.

Addis Ababa is the capital city of Ethiopia. With a population of 3,384,569 according to the 2007 census, the city is located in the geographic centre of the country. There are more than 120 international missions and embassies in Addis Ababa, making the city a hub for international diplomacy concerning Africa. The headquarters of the African Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa can both be found in the city. The United States and the European Union both have two delegations in Addis Ababa, one for bilateral relations with Ethiopia and one for the African Union.
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