**Sponsored symposia**

**Tenth EDCTP Forum**

**‘Equity in research for health’**

17-21 October 2021

Virtually hosted at Joaquim Chissano International Conference Centre (JICC), Maputo, Mozambique

Submission Deadline: **8 July 2021**

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The EDCTP Forum Programme Committee invites proposals for sponsored symposia to be held virtually at the Tenth EDCTP Forum. Integrated within the conference programme, sponsored symposia enable organisations from different regions to present their latest work towards advancing science, policy, and community responses, providing unique opportunities to learn and engage with distinguished researchers and stakeholders working in global health. The symposium format allows groups of researchers and partner organisations to present an overview of a topic, including time for questions, discussion, and exchange of views with Forum delegates. The symposia will take place virtually at 13:00-14:00 local time in Mozambique (13:00-14:00 CEST; 11:00-12:00 UTC) on 19 and 20 October 2021, and between 13:00-15:00 local time in Mozambique (13:00-15:00 CEST; 11:00-13:00 UTC) on 21 October 2021.

The Programme Committee welcomes symposia on a wide range of topics in the EDCTP remit, with relevance to the Forum theme ‘Equity in research for health’.

For questions regarding symposia, please contact [sponsor@edctp.org](mailto:sponsor@edctp.org).

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| **Sponsored symposia in brief**  **DURATION**  Each symposium session is 60 minutes in length and will be scheduled at either 13:00-14:00 local time in Mozambique (13:00-14:00 CEST; 11:00-12:00 UTC) on 19 or 20 October 2021, or between 13:00-15:00 local time in Mozambique (13:00-15:00 CEST; 11:00-13:00 UTC) on 21 October 2021.  **SPONSOR**  Each symposium’s sponsor is the point of contact for the submission and selection process and will be responsible for organising the symposium. The chair appointed for the symposium may be the sponsor contact person or a different person.  **FORMAT**  The symposia will be held virtually. The suggested format is a maximum of three pre-recorded presentations, with sufficient time allocated for a live Q&A at the end of the presentations.  **TOPICS**  Topics presented should fall within the remit and activities of EDCTP2 and the theme of the Forum (see application form). The Programme Committee will consider other topics if deemed to be of general interest to the Forum participants. |

**How to apply for a sponsored symposium**

Symposium proposals must be submitted by 8 July 2021 in English via email to [sponsor@edctp.org](mailto:sponsor@edctp.org) using the application form below. Submissions must be provided in PDF. Only proposals completed in full and submitted by the deadline will be considered.

**Selection process**

The Programme Committee will review the proposed content of the session to ensure it meets the objectives of the Forum. The Committee will evaluate proposals against the following criteria:

* Proposal quality
* Relevance to EDCTP and to the theme of the Forum, or an emerging topic of interest to the Forum participants
* Timeliness of the topic and complementarity to the Forum programme.

**Guidelines and conditions for submission and processing**

* Applications should be submitted via email by 8 July 2021. The content of the application cannot be substantially modified after the submission deadline (unless changes are requested by EDCTP).
* Payment will only be required if the symposium is selected.
* No more than two symposium applications submitted by each sponsor will be evaluated.
* Communications are made with the symposium sponsor point of contact, who arranges and coordinates the session and is responsible for distributing session information among the chair(s) and speakers.
* In as far as possible, proposed speakers should be listed in the application form.
* An abstract for the symposium is required as part of the application but no abstracts are required for individual presentations within the symposium. Sponsored symposia will be published in the programme book and may be published in a journal supplement and other Forum-related publications. Submission of an abstract constitutes agreement to its publication.
* EDCTP cannot guarantee scheduling of a symposium on a specific day. Sponsors should ensure that speakers are available to attend for any live Q&A at 13:00-14:00 local time in Mozambique (13:00 CEST; 11:00 UTC) on 19-21 October 2021 and between 14:00-15:00 local time in Mozambique (14:00-15:00 CEST; 12:00-13:00 UTC) on 21 October 2021 until notified of the assigned date and time for their symposium.
* Decisions are expected to be made available by the end of July 2021.

**For questions, please contact** [**sponsor@edctp.org**](mailto:sponsor@edctp.org)

**Sponsored symposium application form**

**Contact details of the symposium sponsor/organiser**

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**Details of the symposium chair**

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**Details of symposium co-chair, where applicable**

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**Title of symposium** *(max. 25 words)*

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**Abstract of symposium** *(max. 300 words)*

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**Speakers and presentations**

Please list the speakers, titles of the talks as well as the time allocated to each speaker (sessions are 60 minutes in length). The quality of the symposium will be evaluated on its content and the proposed speakers. There should be an appropriate balance in terms of speaker gender, institutional background, and geography. Sufficient time should be allocated at the end for live questions and discussion.

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| Speaker Name, Organisation, Country | **Title of presentation *(max. 25 words)*** | **Time allocated**  **(minutes)** |
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**Symposium categorisation**

The Tenth EDCTP Forum has four different themes:

1. Advancing biomedical interventions towards improved and equitable health
2. Equity challenges in cross-cutting issues
3. Addressing inequities in research
4. Capacity strengthening, collaborations, enhancing the research environment, knowledge translation.

Please choose one theme/subcategory combination for your symposium from the list below.

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| **Theme/subcategory** | **Select one** |
| A1 – HIV |  |
| A2 – TB |  |
| A3 – Malaria |  |
| A4 – Neglected Infectious Diseases (NIDs) |  |
| A5 – Emerging and re-emerging diseases |  |
| A6 – Respiratory infections and diarrhoeal diseases |  |
| A7 – Innovations from research in pandemics to advance biomedical interventions |  |
| B1 – coinfections and comorbidities |  |
| B2 – Antimicrobial resistance |  |
| B3 – Climate crisis and health |  |
| B4 – Implementation science |  |
| B5 – Vaccine development and vaccination challenges |  |
| B6 – Pharmacovigilance |  |
| B7 – Cross-cutting issues in pandemics |  |
| C1 – Leadership and science diplomacy |  |
| C2 – Advancing women in global health science |  |
| C3 – Community engagement and good participatory practice in research |  |
| C4 – Equity challenges in research |  |
| C5 – Innovations and lessons learned from pandemics to address inequalities |  |
| D1 – Partnerships and alliances to enhance coordination, collaboration and cooperation |  |
| D2 – Ethics and human rights |  |
| D3 – Regulatory affairs |  |
| D4 – Fostering the next generation of African scientists |  |
| D5 – Capacity strengthening of institutions |  |
| D6 – Precision medicine |  |
| D7 – Big data and artificial intelligence |  |
| D8 – Innovation and opportunities in capacity strengthening: lessons from research in pandemics |  |

**Please submit the completed application form in PDF format to** [**sponsor@edctp.org**](mailto:sponsor@edctp.org) **by 8 July 2021.**