

# Tackling infectious diseases in Africa

## *EDCTP – an Africa-Europe partnership*

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### ***Introduction***

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Despite much progress, infectious diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, Ebola, etc. affect still more than a fifth of the world population, and are responsible of more than three million deaths every year, mainly in Africa. Infectious diseases also represent a serious global security threat.

During this session you will learn about the European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP), which is an essential element to complement EU development cooperation programmes. The EU, in partnership with 16 sub-Saharan and 14 European countries, funds EDCTP with nearly EUR 700 million from Horizon 2020, to support collaborative research for accessible medical interventions and the development of high quality African research capacity.

You will also learn how the EDCTP bridges the gap between science and policy for health, promotes cross-border engagements across Africa, ensures transparency in clinical trials to inform health research, and boosts preparedness for infectious diseases outbreaks in Africa.