



Call Notes for the Development Committee

Web meeting held: Monday, February 1, 2021
10AM Eastern/ 7:00 AM Pacific / 5:00 PM South Africa

The following Committee members were in attendance:

- Ruva Chindara, ICPD
- Brandon Ford, Lubrizol
- Eyong Ebai, GE Healthcare
- Scott May, ICPD
- Chinedu Nworu, PhD, Roche
- Dustielyn Savage, ICPD
- Elisabeth Valerio, ICPD

Welcoming remarks & introductions: BOLD ITEMS WILL BE COVERED DURING THE CALL. For a more in-depth briefing or if you are unable to attend a meeting but would like a debrief, contact Elisabeth Valerio at evalerio@icpdprograms.org.

Scott May welcomed the council members to the ELISA Development Committee meeting. Scott mentioned that Donielle Johnson, the committee's chairperson was not able to join the meeting. In her place Scott lead the meeting. Scott oriented (through screen-sharing) the committee members to the web-based resources that had been added since the ELISA Advisory Council's last meeting. Scott asked the committee members to go the website www.icpdprograms.org, select "Committees" from the "Select an ICPD site" drop-down menu at the top right side of the page. Scott informed the committee members that they could locate the meeting agendas, past meeting notes and supporting documents for the meeting on the ELISA Development Committee Tab. Scott went through the suggested [agenda outline](#) for the Committee meetings. Elisabeth went through the [committee objectives](#) outline. Scott then invited everyone on the call to introduce themselves. Scott reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

ELISA Development committee

Overview of roles and responsibilities:

An overview of the Development Committee roles and responsibilities was sent to the members prior to the meeting.

Updates and recent developments:

Brandon Ford invited ICPD and the Development Committee to help him identify individuals producing indigenous beauty and home care products and shared that he would help introduce them to people that could help support, identify, and characterize uses of the products.

Eyong Ebai stated that there are several entrepreneurs across Nairobi and Nigeria working on medicines and could be helped by what is happening at ELISA. Eyong Ebai mentioned that there is a company he met with in Zambia that manufactures sanitary towels, he asked if there is a way he could filter these kinds of companies and individuals towards ELISA and how ELISA support these types of projects.



Chinedu Nworu explained that there is power in DNA and expressed an interest in seeing Africans take part in conversations that include cancer diagnosis and other issues so that Africa is kept in the loop of new technologies and can participate in developing them.

Scott highlighted that the technology that comes with the ELISA portal could also help African deal with and respond to the Covid 19 crisis, and that one of the companies that recently became part of ELISA is working towards distributing Covid 19 test kits in Africa. ELISA could help companies like this get rapid diagnostic tests into Africa faster.

Scott explained how the portal has improved allowing the users to post their projects. The power behind project pages being that anyone can make them and that anyone can view them.

Focus topic:

The Committee members used the time to familiarizing themselves with the Objectives of the Committee. Brandon asked for the financial and non-financial goals of the committee and suggested that this would help the committee come up with ideas. Scott responded by mentioning that the ELISA budget and goals for 2021 have already been developed and that an email is going to be sent to the Advisory Council letting them know of these financial and non-financial goals.

Elisabeth agreed that a review of the budget would be a great way to help focus the objectives of the committee and suggested that during the next committee members should have a chance to discuss the budget and review it.

Elisabeth highlighted the role that Ruva Chindara has in terms of exposure, which is to manage the ELISA Portal Community and find ways to grow the number of ELISA members.

As the Community expands, more project pages are created and that means more visibility of African ventures and entrepreneurs. Ruva is also working on CONFABS which will be monthly events that will bring everyone together that is part of the Portal Community and give them the opportunity to hear from an exemplary leader/entrepreneur. These CONFABS give the community of entrepreneurs a chance to be inspired by other entrepreneurs.

Elisabeth mentioned having attended a meeting with Albino Gaw Dar who is a founder of a program like ELISA but focused on reaching out and working with entrepreneurs in South Sudan. She stated that there is a need to showcase programs and activities like this as part of what the ELISA team is doing in terms of exposure and engagement.

Chinedu asked if the goals that are going to be reviewed in the next meeting are going to be goals for ELISA as a whole and each Committee's goals supporting the ultimate goals ELISA has. Scott mention that this was going to be looked at during the next meeting.



Other & Action Items

Scott reminded everyone that the next ELISA Development Committee meeting will be Monday, March 8, 2021 and that the next call focus would be focused on a review of the 2021 financial and non-financial goals for ELISA.

Please plan on 45-minutes for this call. Visit <https://elisanetwork.com/> for more information about ELISA.

Upcoming ELISA Development Committee meetings:

Monday, March 8, 2021, 10:00 AM Eastern | 7:00 AM Pacific
Monday, May 10, 2021, 10:00 AM Eastern | 7:00 AM Pacific
Monday, July 12, 2021, 10:00 AM Eastern | 7:00 AM Pacific
Monday, August 30, 2021, 10:00 AM Eastern | 7:00 AM Pacific
Monday, November 1, 2021, 10:00 AM Eastern | 7:00 AM Pacific