Summary of ICODA Scientific & Strategic Advisory Council Meeting – March 2021

Date: 16 March 2021

Chair: Agnes Binagwaho and Martin J Murphy

Attendees: Sean Khozin

Nicky Mulder

Frank Rockhold

Gail Stephens

Andrew Morris (HDR UK)

Julia Levy (ICODA Director)

Névine Zariffa (DP1 lead)

Nicola Perrin (ICODA)

1.	**Welcome & Introductions**
	AB welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the SSAC, with a warm welcome to those joining for the first time – Sean Khozin and Gail Stephens.
2.	**ICODA Progress Update**
	- Andrew Morris recapped ICODA's goals - Nevine Zariffa gave an update on Driver Project 1. The team are specifically aiming to include data from academic trials and requested support from SSAC members - Julia Levy gave an update on Driver Project 2, which aims to bring together 167 collaborators in 39 countries (20 LMICs). - Julia Levy gave an update on the Grand Challenges ICODA global funding call. This was a pilot initiative launched in collaboration with the Gates Foundation's Grand Challenges team, with ICODA receiving over 400 applications within a month from researchers in 69 countries - Julia Levy informed the council that the ICODA website is up and running. Future communications activities include: developing a communications strategy, a communication plan for each Driver Project, and an announcement of the awards given under the Grand Challenges ICODA pilot initiative - Névine Zariffa (NZ) led a discussion on prioritising and communicating ICODA's work in order to encourage a wider range of data contributors - Discussion followed on potential research projects to test the Workbench using datasets already available in ICODA's data ecosystem. Datasets discoverable

	through the HDR UK Innovation Gateway will also be discoverable through the ICODA Gateway. • Nicola Perrin gave a brief overview of ICODA's data journey, starting with securing and submitting the data to the system, ensuring that the data is discoverable and accessible on the Gateway, and finally, providing a workbench for analysis.
3.	**Next Steps and Horizon Scanning**
	The Council discussed: • ICODA's 5-year Strategy • Challenges facing researchers in the Global South • Incentives for data sharing
4.	**AOB – Expanding Council Membership**
	The Council identified that the SSAC is currently missing representation from the Middle East, Latin America and Southeast Asia and well as representation from: • National/regional disease control centres, • Science communications/media, • United Nations (beyond WHO), • Health Policy specialists, and • Early-mid career COVID-19 researchers.