





March 20, 2020 Stockholm and Uppsala, Sweden

Decision to cancel the third ACCESS forum in Uppsala and Stockholm, 8-11 June 2020

Dear partners of the ACCESS collaboration,

Given the current serious situation with the corona virus induced influenza, COVID-19, the hosting universities - Uppsala University, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and Stockholm University - have jointly decided to cancel the third ACCESS forum planned to take place 8-11 June in Stockholm and Uppsala.

Society, including our universities, finds itself in an exceptional situation and we do not know how long this will persist. We have been monitoring developments and followed the information and recommendations issued by the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency, the Public Health Agency of Sweden and the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Based on the seriousness of their reports and recommendations, we regrettably find no other alternative than to cancel the Forum in June 2020.

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