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## **Partnership between the Global Forum for Health Research and the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED)**

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The Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED) and the Global Forum for Health Research have taken a further step in building their partnership, with the agreement of the management of both organizations to further integrate their activities and programmes of work.

The new arrangement will provide actors in research for health at the global, regional and country levels with common contact points and a set of linked programmes aimed at improving health and health equity. The partnership leverages the talents of both organizations to support countries in improving health research systems and encourage learning between countries. It also works to change the priorities about how existing resources for health research are used, encourage new resources that will be directed to research in the neglected areas, foster research in the neglected areas to reduce the burdens of disease and disability, and promote increased investments in research on interventions to create and sustain health. The partnership provides a platform for influencing the global health research agenda in favour of the poor and disadvantaged.

Partnership is the third step towards alignment by the two organizations started in 2004 when new directors joined both COHRED and the Global Forum. In March 2005, they signed a Memorandum of Agreement to initiate a programme of joint activities. In March 2006, the governing bodies of the Global Forum and of COHRED approved progress to date and encouraged the two organizations to look at options for working even more closely together.