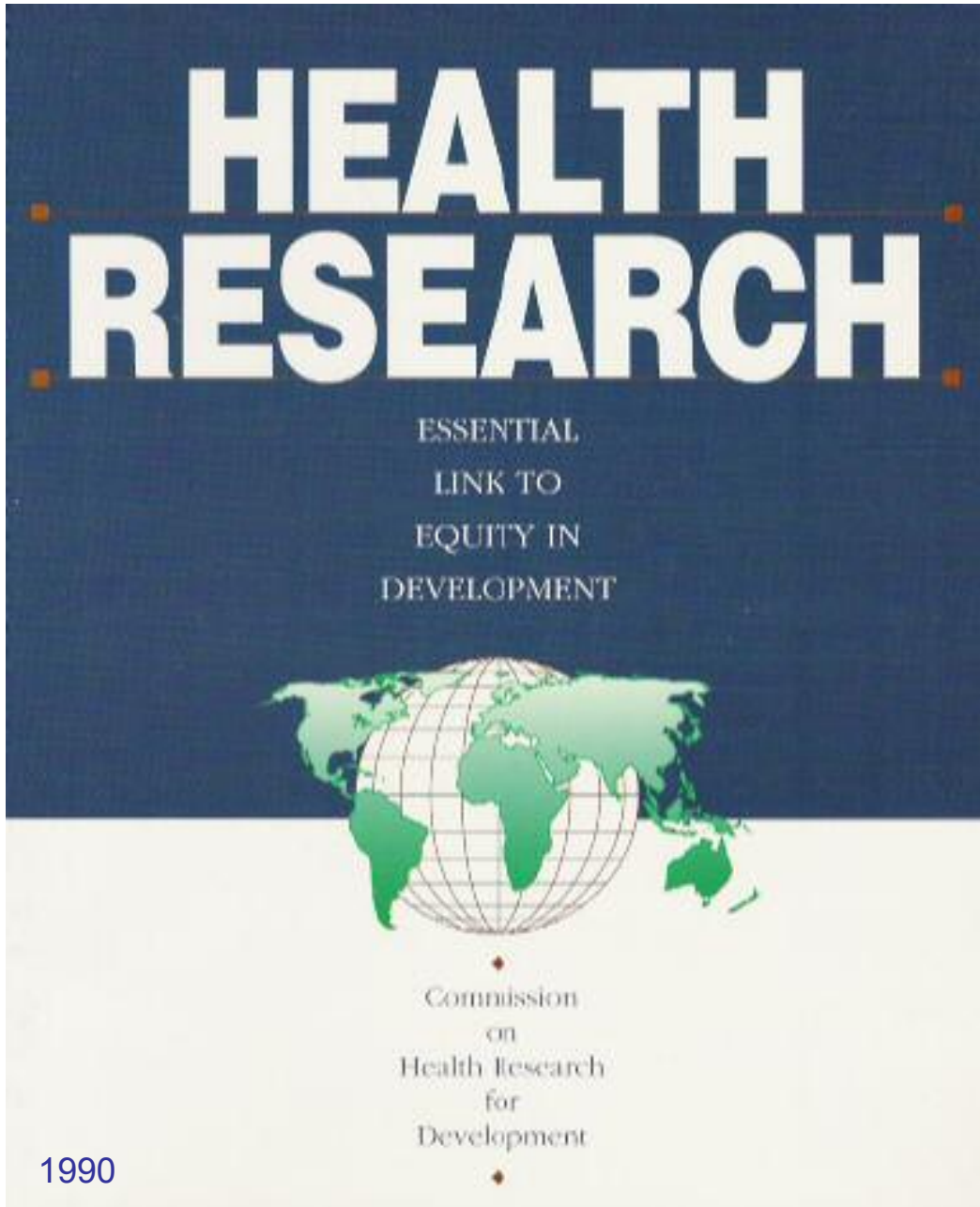


# Ethics and priority-setting in global health research

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Findings:

**“10/90 Gap”**

Recommendations:

**1. ENHR**

2. Global Funding

3. Partnerships

4. Global  
Platform

## National Health Research Systems:

•functional definition:

1. Governance
2. Financing
3. Capacity Building
4. Knowledge generation & translation
5. Knowledge utilisation

## National health research systems:

- Political commitment to *research for health*

1) Have credibly set & regularly updated **health research** (system) **priorities**

2) Have a **research policy framework**, *including for oversight and ethical review process; and*

3) Have a **national research management structure**, *including ability to decide on what to do 'locally', what in 'partnership' and what to leave to others*



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## National health research systems (NHRS):

4) Has to have **financing strategy** in place

- *Invest 2% of health program budget in research*

- *Partners to match with 5% of program support funding*

5) Need to address **Human Resources for Health Research (HR-HR)**

- \* *Including for health systems research*

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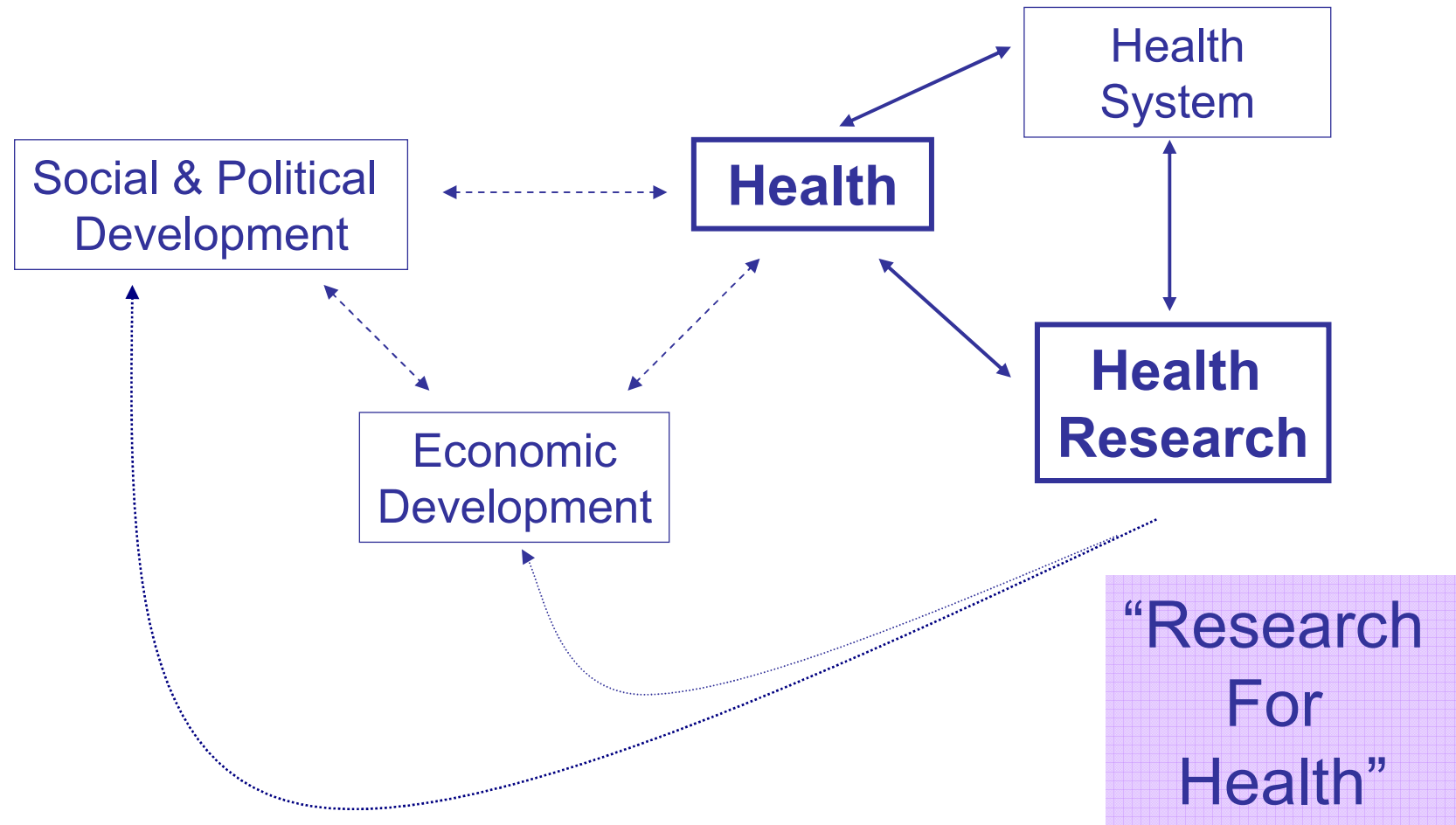
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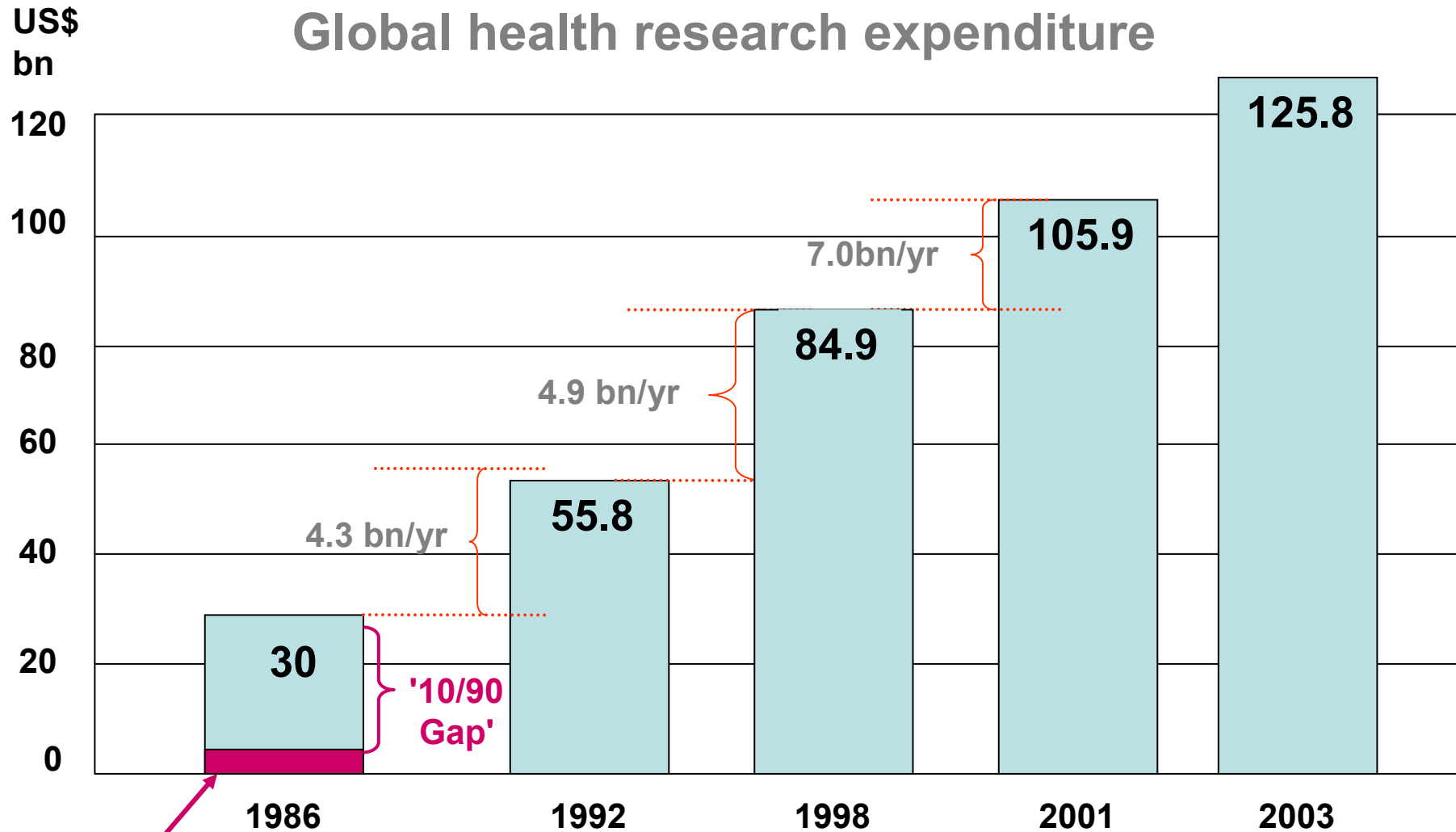
## National health research systems (NHRS):

6) Need to address many other issues, e.g. :

- health **equity**
- **negotiation ability** to deal with sponsors
- finding **external research expertise** and **partnerships** needed to address health priorities
- stimulate **alignment & harmonization** (Paris, 2005)
- promote research as a core asset for socio-economic development : **‘research for health’**
- **institutional capacity**

# In a picture ...





US\$ 1.6 bn - 5% for LMIC health needs



future

- Context in which health research happens is likely to change ethical, moral, rights review and debate is very necessary:
  - Ethical framework
    - ... principles applied to individual projects; justice not usually included
  - Human rights framework
    - ... extension to include 'right to health', 'right to self-determination', other 'rights'
  - Advocacy & Activism
    - becoming more and more prominent, also in the south
  - Negotiation
    - ... sure, countries need vaccines, but researchers do need countries
    - ... countries need many other things as well



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