Through the Research for Health Africa (R4HA) Initiative, February 2012 saw AU-NEPAD and COHRED sign a letter of agreement with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Senegal in order to work together to strengthen governance of research for health in countries in Africa.

NEPAD and COHRED have agreed to provide, through the Ministries technical support for national research for health system development and opportunities to network and collaborate with countries across the region to strengthen research for health.

Both the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research will be adding their contributions to the endeavour, mobilising a consortium of national institutions and creating strong partnerships between national stakeholders from various sectors. They will also play a role in the region establishing a process of learning and sharing across the countries.