



# **Strategies for Aligning National Priorities with Funding: Stimulant for discussion**

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# Overview

- Paris Declaration signed on Aid Effectiveness organizes partnership commitment around five principles:
  - Ownership
  - **Alignment**
  - Harmonization
  - Managing for Results
  - Mutual Accountability
- Alignment refers to donors provision of support based on partner countries':
  - National development strategies
  - Institutions
  - Processes

# Overview

- Paris Declaration intends to improve development aid and was not tailored for health research support
- COHRED was commissioned by donors to provide an understanding of Paris Declaration on health research support with respect to:
  - Potentials
  - Limitations
  - implementation

# Some Issues Involved

- Health research are being supported externally
- Donors traditionally fund research based on their own priorities
- Governance of health research is either weak or lacking in some countries
- Often health research priorities are not clearly articulated
- Policies on research are still lacking in some countries
- Lack of clear research strategies impede alignment

# The bottom line!!!!

Alignment of funding to priorities is essential to improving the impact of health research

What strategies would help us to promote alignment????

**DISCUSSION!!!!**