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Strengthening Research and Innovation Systems Workshop at Forum 2012, Cape Town



A workshop was held as a satellite session to Forum2012 (www.forum2012.org) in Cape Town in April, focusing on Strengthening Research and Innovations Systems for Health and Development in Africa. The workshop was a great opportunity to bring partners from the R4HA programme and COHRED's West Africa Project together, including representation from WAHO. Also joining were potential partners, interested Forum participants and development partners (pictured above). Read more about the workshop and the summary report by visiting the R4HA website: www.cohred.org/r4ha-latest-news/

In brief



Welcome to M&E Officer, Emanuel Souvairan who joined the R4HA team in April. Emanuel is busy gathering information from key contacts to use in measuring the return on investment in research and development, as well as helping the R4HA team to assess the progress they have made.

R4HA is currently exploring the opportunity to work with Zambia together with the CCGHR (Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research).

Following his attendance at the donor-initiated meeting in Bellagio in June, Bruno Kubata is in talks with IDRC and ECCAS with a view to expanding the R4HA programme to Central Africa.

The R4HA leaflet and website have been updated to include more information about the programme – see www.cohred.org/R4HA for more details.

Country Achievements

Mozambique - R4HA has given technical support to INS (Instituto Nacional de Saúde) in developing a questionnaire to identify health research priorities in Mozambique. The data will be used at the forthcoming priority-setting workshop scheduled for 2 – 3 August in Maputo. Whilst in Mozambique, the R4HA team will also visit Manhica Health Research Centre to learn about their work and share information about R4HA and COHRED's HRWeb. (www.healthresearchweb.org)

Senegal – Work is underway to hold a priority setting workshop with the Ministry of Health in Senegal in September. Links are being strengthened between R4HA and COHRED's West Africa programme as Senegal is involved in both. Agreements are being finalised for providing Senegal with RHInnO (www.RHInnO.net) – a customised, web-based research ethics review platform.

Tanzania – following a number of meetings and workshops working towards developing a national research agenda, COSTECH is finalising a list of priorities for the nation covering 42 sub-sectors. With regard to C-Web, COSTECH's on-line research management system, Version1 of the proposal review system should be finalised by end of July with discussions already taking place for development of other modules. With NIMR, work is underway to transform the existing manual research ethics review process into a web-based system using COHRED's RHInnO Ethics Platform (www.RHInnO.net).