



COHRED Connect

The COHRED Group



Supporting research and innovation systems for health, equity and development

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COHRED Connect connects people. We do this with the goal of driving the formation of strong, fair partnerships in research and innovation for health, equity and development.

We create balanced and impartial networks, meetings and online communities within which original ideas and solutions can develop between partners from a range of backgrounds.

Current projects

The Global Forum for Health Research, 24-26 April 2012, Cape Town

Forum 2012 focuses on an emerging new world: one where low and middle income countries are increasingly using research and innovation to develop and implement solutions to the challenges they face, and are achieving greater health, equity and development as a result. Forum 2012 takes into consideration the significant shifts that are occurring in global dynamics: greater economic growth in the developing world, new donors, more emphasis on trade and investment, more investment in research and innovation – research as a catalyst for a future world, hopefully more equitable.

Forum 2012 will assemble all the key actors who make research and innovation work for health, equity and development. The Forum will bring together governments, industry, social enterprises, non-governmental organisations, researchers, media, business partners and international organisations, and others who believe that we need to move ‘beyond aid’.

Forum 2012 will serve as a platform to bring together the world’s change makers from the North and South - to work together through equal partnerships in order to effect ‘real’ change.

www.forum2012.org



2nd Latin American Conference on Research and Innovation for Health, 23-25 November 2011, Panama City

This conference assembled leading actors in research and innovation for health from the Latin American region to discuss lessons learnt, problems faced and the way forward. The conference brought together a range of partners: research institutions, governments and donors to discuss the improvement of financing mechanisms for health and research in the region.

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Future concepts

The facilitation of partnerships towards research and innovation for health, equity and development

This concept is based on the provision of a 'match making service' and a mechanism for capacity building. COHRED Connect provides neutral meeting spaces (both virtual and physical) thereby creating opportunities for partnerships between economically or geographically isolated partners. For example, matches could be made between LMIC researchers, and sources of capital. In relation to this, COHRED Connect can also provide potential partners with appropriate coaching, and tools for contract negotiation.

Knowledge Networks

COHRED Connect focuses on growing and supporting networks that are

relevant to research and innovation for health, equity and development. The team can do this by capitalising on its reach built through Global Forum meetings and COHRED's experience with Web4Development building online communities such as Health Research Web.

COHRED Connect can provide a space through which various individuals and groups can share ideas and innovations with a multiplicity and diversity of audiences. This can enable these various constituencies to leverage their efforts towards knowledge sharing and policymaking.

COHRED Connect will be developing the concepts of partnership facilitation and knowledge networks further during 2012.

creating improbable partnerships for action



The COHRED Group and COHRED Connect

The COHRED Group focuses on strengthening the governance and management of systems of low and middle-income countries (LMICs) in their efforts to use research, science and technology and innovation to improve health, equity and development. As such, the Group partners with LMICs in providing technical support on research and innovation systems for health. The Group works to share its experiences from the LMICs with high-income countries and their institutions, business and citizens - for the purposes of creating real health change in the LMICs. The Group is also proactive in connecting, advocating and monitoring progress towards health, equity and development through research and innovation at the national, regional and global levels.

COHRED Connect supports these processes by bringing people and institutions together for the purposes of setting up genuine partnerships and knowledge networks that can support research and innovation for health, equity and development. This is done with the aid of online and physical spaces and fora through which original ideas and actions are developed.

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