

RESEARCH FOR HEALTH AFRICA (R4HA) INITIATIVE

A partnership of the NEPAD Agency, COHRED,
African institutions

Purpose of R4HA



Support countries build their policy framework and management basis for effective governance of research for health.

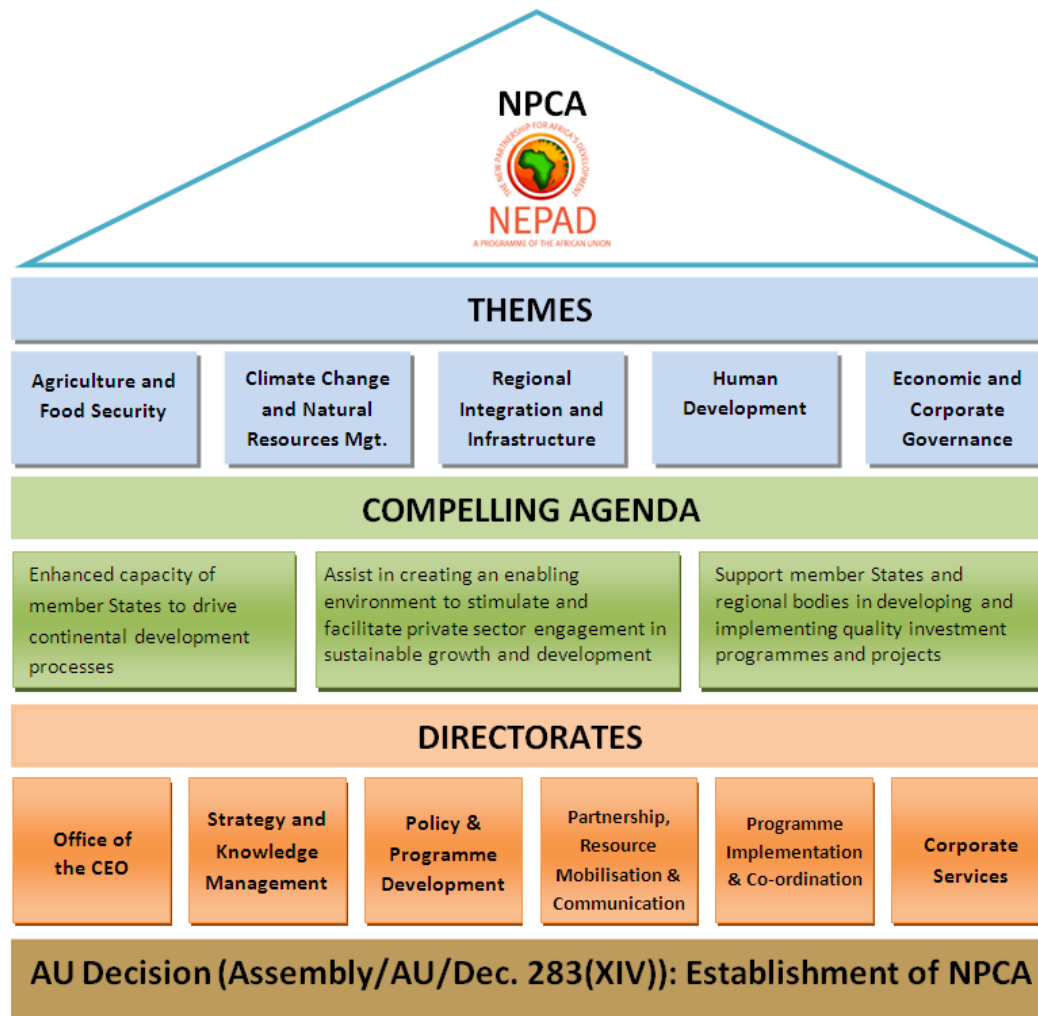
Why this initiative?

- Research is a key driver for development
- But insufficiently used in Africa due to unclear research governance structure, priorities/direction, and policy framework
- Strengthen governance and management for research to:
 - Better target research for development and health needs
 - Improve use of research & access to information
 - Improve coordination & avoid duplication

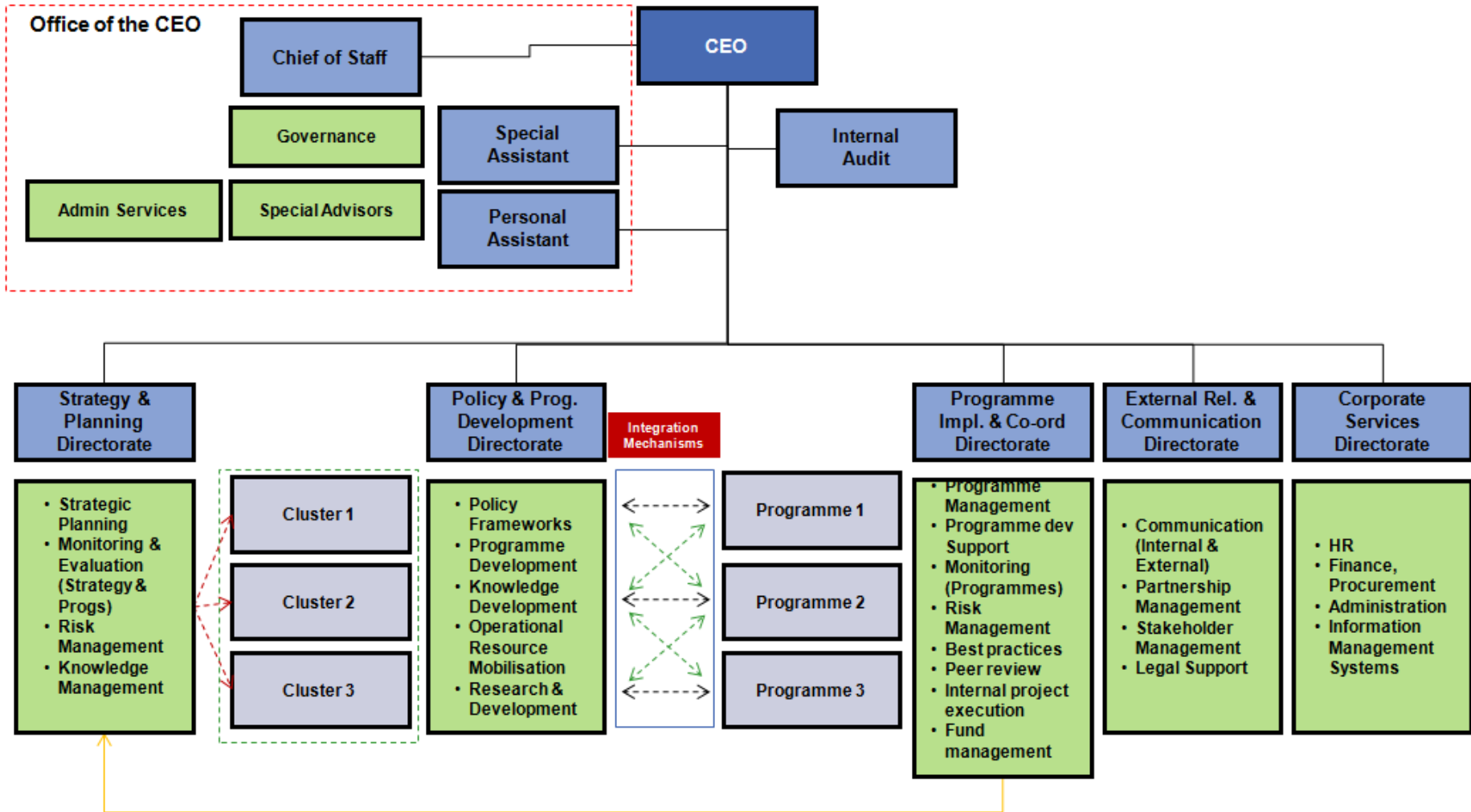
Who is involved?

- ❑ Institutions in three African countries
- ❑ Institutions that will become centres of excellence for research for development and health strengthening
- ❑ The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ❑ NEPAD Agency
- ❑ COHRED

NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency Themes & Agenda



NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency Structure



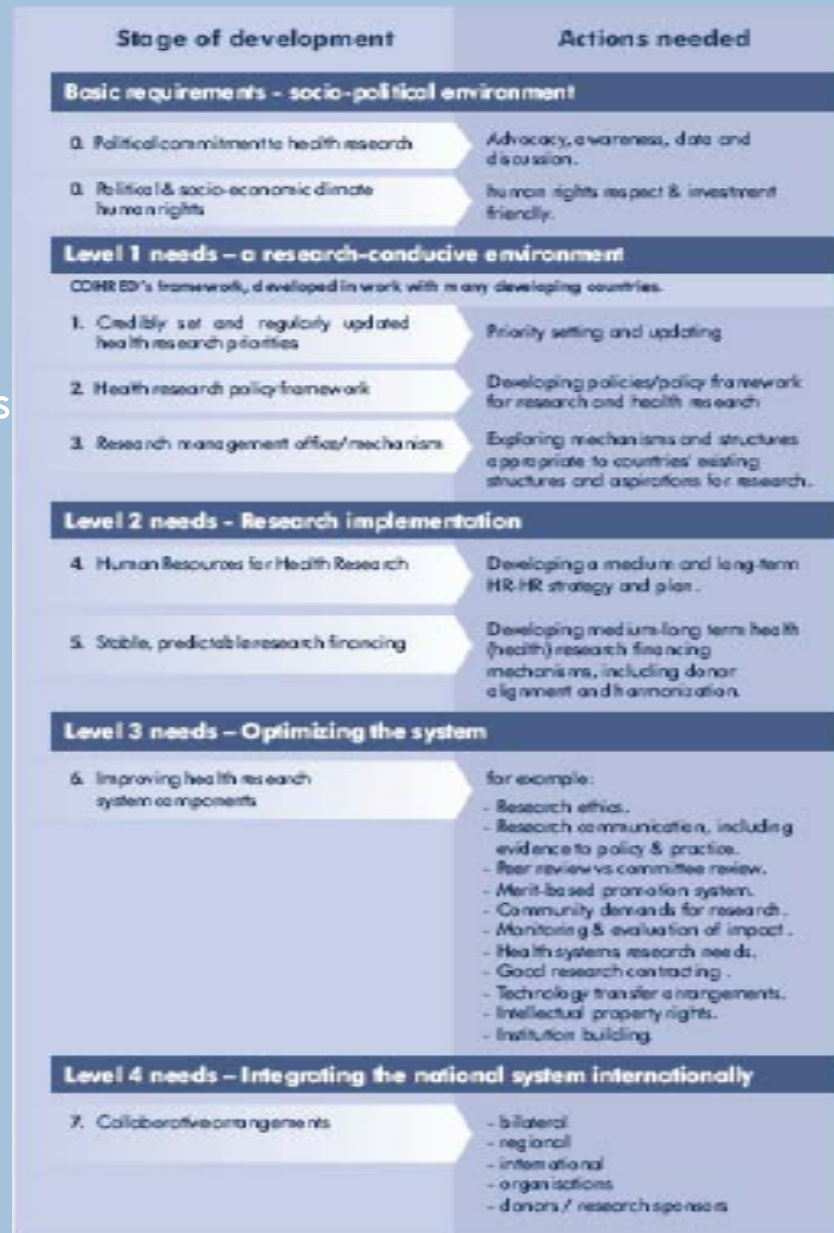
COHRED

- ❑ Council on Health Research for Development
- ❑ Technical agency: main expertise in research for health system strengthening (i.e. Facilitating priority setting processes, policy development, review of system capacity).
- ❑ www.cohred.org

Framework for developing national research for development & health systems

Starting Point

- a) Situation analysis
- b) Development targets



Strategy for system strengthening

- a) Various approaches
- b) Tools
- c) Methods

How will we operate?

1. Partnership:

- NEPAD Agency: Strengthening/building political commitment to research
- COHRED: Technical backstopping
- National institutions:
 - ✓ Ownership of activities
 - ✓ Strengthening critical aspects of the research for development and health
 - ✓ Play role in-country and region

2. Learning & sharing across countries in the region

3. Four year time frame

What are expected results

- Effective governance and management structures for research for health
- Research for health information system
- Better link between supply & demand
- An African platform for the exchange of expertise on management of research and health research
- A package of practical tools, methods and experiences for others to use.

Start up phase R4HA

- Building (political) awareness for the initiative
- Project design, formulation of plans and indicator development for system strengthening
- Mapping: creating/supplementing baseline information in-country

Implementation phase – R4HA

- Strengthening governance, including priority setting, policy framework development
- Developing a national research for health information system
- Developing an M&E system
- Further system development & strengthening, including research utilisation capacity, ethics review capacity, proposal development capacity

M&E phase R4HA

- Monitoring and evaluation activities
- Networking, experience sharing, learning
- Communication