

RFI Background

The road to development and growth is through innovation. New knowledge generation – primary or through 'big data' – and the translation of findings into scalable solutions are the only ways for all countries to develop and to make development last. From project-level collaboration to global research and innovation consortia involving many stakeholders, partnerships are essential. The Research Fairness Initiative (RFI) is a first, global effort to create transparency, accountability and opportunities to develop benchmarks and agree on best practices and promote fairness in collaborations. The RFI emphasises sharing all benefits of research to ensure that low- and middle-income countries can be competitive actors in global health R&D and become increasingly important contributors to global health, equity and development.



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Our Background

The Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED) is an international non-profit and non-governmental organisation based in Geneva, Switzerland; Pietermaritzburg, South Africa; and Belo Horizonte, Brazil. We have over 20 years' hands-on experience in delivering support to maximise the impact of research and innovation on the health and development of those who need it most.

COHRED Provides

1. Technical Support (maximise national capacity)
2. Practical Tools (power up systems)
3. Global Action (design solutions to complex problems)

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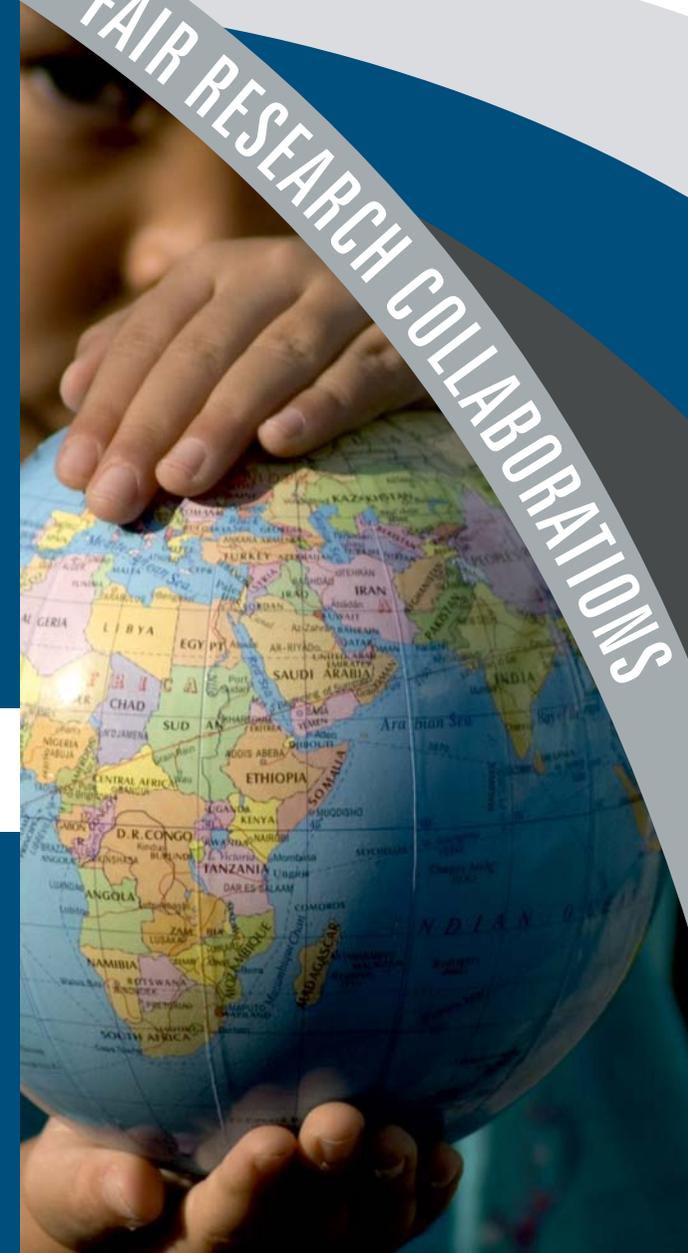


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FAIR RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS



Our Goal

To create a reporting system that encourages governments, businesses, organisations and funders to describe how they take measures to create trusting, lasting, transparent and effective partnerships in research and innovation.

What We Do

Partnerships are essential to deliver research and innovation for global health and development, as demonstrated in the UN Sustainable Development Goal 17. Yet, there is no framework, no benchmark, no standard of best practice on which to model governmental, corporate, non-profit or academic collaborations, particularly not for international collaborative research and innovation involving low- and middle-income countries. The Research Fairness Initiative (RFI) is a proposed solution to stand as a best practice guideline for creating fairer research collaborations across the globe.

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Why the Research Fairness Initiative

The goal is to raise awareness of and improve internal management processes for institutional policies and practices, to develop sustainable and fair partnerships by addressing:

- Fairness of opportunity for all partners in collaborations
- Fair processes by addressing capacity building in R&D, ethics, finance, administration and law departments and teams
- Fair sharing of benefits, costs and outcomes between partners

How Can We Help You

The RFI has prepared a few documents to guide RFI users through the reporting process. We currently offer the following Guides on the RFI website (www.rfi.cohred.org):

- Summary Guide
- Reporting Guide
- Implementation Manual
- Governance and Management Guide



Who Can We Help

- Government departments with a major responsibility for supporting or undertaking research, including but not limited to ministries of science and technology, health, higher education
- National research and innovation agencies
- Academic and research institutions/organisations
- Private sector/industry research divisions and organisations
- Research funders, sponsors and philanthropists
- Other key stakeholders



Research Fairness Initiative

There are both immediate and medium-term impacts for RFI users, prospective partners and global research and innovation in general:

IMPACT 1: Improved internal management processes



IMPACT 2: Improved transparency



IMPACT 3: Improved global learning



IMPACT 4: Meta-analysis and ad-hoc investigations of 'hot topics'

