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The Council on Health Research and Development Group (The COHRED Group) in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology of South Africa, will jointly host 'Forum 2012' in Cape Town, South Africa.□



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Forum 2012, which will take place from April 24-26, 2012, will be used to launch a new series of Global Forum for Health Research meetings on the theme: 'Beyond aid...research and innovation as key drivers of health, equity and development'.

[The Forum](#) will examine the prospects for a new vision of development that looks 'beyond aid', by focusing on developing capacities in low-and middle-income countries and emerging economies. This engagement will also probe how global collaborations can be used to support research and innovation processes that can enhance this new era of development.

The event will act as a platform for dialogue by bringing together more than 600 participants from research institutions, business, social enterprises, governments, international organisations, funders and media. The Forum will bring together the world's top change makers - from the South and the North – thereby creating an avenue through which they can develop equal partnerships toward effecting positive change for global health.

"The Forum's ambition is to improve the links among the various actors, across sectors, that play the key roles in making research and innovation work for health, equity and development", stated Prof. Carel IJsselmuiden, Director of the COHRED Group. "This marks a new day for

Forum 2012 to Focus on Research and Innovation

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research for health and development and with Forum 2012 COHRED aims to create and nurture the ‘improbable partnerships’ for action towards a world beyond aid”.

The three-day Forum meeting will also unveil the creation of virtual and physical global communities of practice and a sustained dialogue on key issues in the period leading up to the next set of Forum meetings. Forum 2012 will investigate 3 main themes in support of these processes: Improving and increasing investments in research and innovation and Networking and partnerships for research and innovation and creating enabling environments for research and innovation.