

## *Sustainable Investment in Research for Health*

Sunday 20 October 2013

Room B01, King Fahd Palace Hotel, Dakar, Senegal

Satellite meeting to EDCTP Forum

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Dear Colleagues,

The need to align investments in R&D with public health demands is one of the most pressing global public health challenges. Who shoulders the responsibility for funding R&D, what is the best way to channel research funding, and which research areas are most in need of money are questions that scientists and policymakers are constantly discussing. The meeting “*Sustainable Investment in Research for Health*” aims at identifying opportunities, possible solutions and strategies for moving towards sustainable investment in research for health.

To make of this meeting a unique and productive event, we are looking for **6 creative and daring volunteers** to present their innovative approach to and stimulate debate around the statements listed below – or any other statement of relevance to investment in research for health that you think will stimulate creative debate!

We really encourage you to bring new and bold ideas, innovative strategies that you know of and that have been tried out (whether by your agency or country or somewhere else) so that we can debate about solutions and how to implement them.

African countries will never be able to contribute sufficient resources to their research for health. External resources will always be needed. The challenge is to make sure external resources better align with real needs.

Do you agree with these statements?

African countries need to become self-reliant - there is no reason why they cannot support their own research for health. Clear strategies need to be developed to get there.

From your position, what do you think is the solution to each of them?

We need to be much more pro-active about involving the private sector.

In practical terms, what do you think your country/agency can do to move in the desired direction?

IMPORTANT: Presentations are strictly limited to 10 minutes, to leave ample time for debate.

If you would like to be one of the 6 volunteers presenting, kindly let us know at latest by October 10, 2013, by contacting Teresa Cullen at [Cullen@cohred.org](mailto:Cullen@cohred.org)

We invite you to visit the meeting website for more information and suggested reading at <http://www.cohred.org/r4ha-latest-news/investment-in-research/>