



CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPLEMENT THE RFI

Senegal Workshop outcomes

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Workshop's outcomes on RFI in Senegal (1)

- August 5 - 6th 2014 a consulting workshop on RFI about health was held in Dakar University (UCAD)
- It was coorganized by the council for research in healthcare for development [COHRED], CAAST Net Plus, High Education and Research Ministry, and Pharmalys
- ✓ Objectives:
 - Collect participants different contributions on RFI within the framework of North/South cooperation
 - Evaluate the utility of RFI as a collaborative platform for biregional partnership in research between Europ/Africa

Workshop's outcomes on RFI in Senegal (1)

- The opening ceremony was chaired by the chief executive officer of higher education on behalf of the Ministry of higher education & research
- The welcoming speech was delivered by the Chief Executive Officer of Research followed by Pr CAREL CEO of COHRED
- CEO of Pharmalys Mrs BA
- Representatives of Ministry:
 - Health & Social issues Dr SARR
 - High education & research
- Over sixty participants ; professors, doctors, CEO, and head offices

Panel 1 : General overview on collaboration about health research in Senegal

- 10 conferences were presented
 - 03 from ministries:
 - High education & research
 - Health & Social issues
 - 04 Universities : in equal partnership
 - 03 research centers

PANEL 2 : Debates on the possibility of implementing the RFI in Africa

- 15 criteria proposed for making RFI reports for equity and collaborative research by Pr CAREL
- 03 Types of Criteria are discussed:
- Fairness of possibility in partnership before research
- Fair procedure during research
- Equitable sharing of profits after research
- During the plenary sessions 03 groups presented their reports identifying 25 other criteria to be added

Fairness partnerships in research

Vision of ministry of higher education & research

- Priorities of research according to the new economic & social development plan
- Existence of textes for legal procedures (laws for laboratories , funds for research projects)
- Building of national facilities for research (The new city of knowledge)
- Strategies for a local and international cooperation by an efficient network of researchers
- Fight against brain drain

Partnership in research for Health

Ethical Aspects

Research coordinator for Health Ministry

- Respect of human dignity , the consent (collective agreement) , equity , equality, justice, respect of diversity , social responsibility, sharing of outcomes in terms of partnership
- Existence of a technical and multidisciplinary commission for ethics to assess research procedures in health

Discussions (1)

- To set a national research system coordinating all the research structures
- Promote the concept of one health including in the initiative of fair research the issue of animal healthcare
- Promote transparency in research management
- Optimize the researchers training in Genomics , Biosecurity , Biobanking , Fund raising

Discussions (2)

- Bearing in mind community needs and expectations
- Considering the socio cultural values of communities
- Identifying the negative effects on environment
- Including women promotion
- Definition of a common roadmap

Discussions (3)

- Promotion of local partnerships south/south, North/South & Networking
- Cofund research projects
- Include more the pharmaceutical industry
- Increase the research budget for funding research by the government
- Create a national center for research to mutualise the resources

Discussions (4)

- Promotion of intellectual property & technology transfer
- Respect of commitments before the start of the project
- Disseminate research outcomes in civil society, local communities & private sector

STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTING RFI IN A SPECIFIC INSTITUTION

What is needed & which institutions would be adequate as pilots for the implementation ?

- Bambey University
- Center of Excellence for Mother & Child Health (CEA SAMEF)
- Bacteriology & Virology laboratories

Pr S.Mboup / Sida research

Conclusion

→ *Research Fairness Initiative* is a strategic tool for African countries to develop research

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