International Round Table AIFA-UNICRI

Biomedical research in Developing Countries: the Promotion of Ethics, Human Rights and Justice

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1) Implementation of the normative framework at the national level (International and Regional Guidance and Regulations):

To reach:

> National Legislation;
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> Judicial system to enforce legislation;
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> Efficient Evaluation (National Research Ethics Committees);
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> Sufficient Regulation (Inspectorates and Regulatory Agencies).

2) Securing Protection

Based on:

> Legislation;
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> Independence of application;
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> Respect of the Rule of Law;
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> Promotion of rights of participants;
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> Ensuring the benefit to participants;

Avoidance of ethical imperialism;

Safeguarding the wellbeing of individuals, the communities and societies at the macro level;

Reducing the gap between health and development

3) Increasing knowledge, transparency and awareness

- Research
  - leading to action addressing the needs of countries where it is conducted
  - leading to sustainable plans to secure benefits in developing countries

- Transparency in reporting
  - increases the knowledge base
  - increases the trust among the general public and policy makers

- Awareness
  - rights, risks and benefits
  - among all stakeholders

4) Increasing Capacity Building

  - Training
  - Adequate and sustainable resources
  - Adequate infrastructure to carry out functions
  - Dedicated personnel
  - Leading to a well functioning system of research ethics bodies supported by Law

5) Increasing coordination of responses

  - National coordination
  - International coordination

  - Contributing to the knowledge and expertise at both levels

6) The way forward:

  - Publication of results of the round table
  - Creation of a discussion panel
  - Coordinating activities among partners towards increasing joint efforts
  - Identification of resources for:
    - Training of research ethics committees
    - Training of judiciary and policy makers

- o Identification of priority actions towards the establishment of an international instrument or a global forum to:
    - Address the inequities in research priorities
- o Assist in the development of policies that meet the needs of developing countries
- o Monitor on-going research to safeguard participants and communities from exploitation