

AFR/RC30/R5:

The Regional Committee,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the fourth meeting of the African Advisory Committee on Medical Research (AACMR);¹

Having studied the report of the Regional Director;²

1. REMINDS Member States and the WHO Secretariat of the operative paragraphs of resolutions WHA32.15, AFR/RC29/R5, AFR/RC29/R6 and WHA33.25 which should guide the regional research programme;
2. APPROVES the report of the AACMR/4 supplemented by the report of the Regional Director concerning the implementation of its recommendations;
3. COMPLIMENTS the representatives of Madagascar and Liberia on the results obtained during their term of office with the policy-setting bodies of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR);
4. DESIGNATES Nigeria to represent the contributing governments and Malawi and Mali to represent the Region in the TDR programme for a period of three years;
5. INVITES Member States to:
 - (i) bear in mind the advantages of participating in the special African account for medical research within the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion;³
 - (ii) establish reception structures and career plans for research workers in service or being trained;
 - (iii) strengthen or set up national advisory committees on biomedical and health service research, fixing as their priority applied research aimed at meeting communities' basic needs;
 - (iv) collaborate with other Member States in the framework of TCDC on the development of their national research programmes, thereby avoiding duplication of effort;
 - (v) regularly inform the Regional Director of research work and opportunities for training research workers, indicating nationals capable of working as regional experts;
6. INVITES the Regional Director to:
 - (i) pursue his efforts to promote the regional research programme by making use, where possible, of experts from and institutions in the Region, together with TCDC mechanisms;
 - (ii) develop exchanges of research workers, teachers and information between regional institutions and those of other Regions;

¹ Document AFR/MR/9.

² AFR/RC30/13.

³ Resolution AFR/RC25/R6.

- (iii) compile an African Index Medicus, by using resources in the Region and extra-budgetary sources, including those of the Special Programmes.
- 7. INVITES the Director-General to take appropriate measures to obtain contributions to the Special African Account for Medical Research from the International community.

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