

**AFR/RC35/R11:**

The Regional Committee,

Recalling resolution AFR/RC33/R1;

Having considered the Regional Director's report<sup>1</sup> on the development and coordination of biomedical and health systems research,

1. COMMENDS the Regional Director for the measures already taken;
2. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION that the Region's health research programmes focus sharply on regional and national strategies;
3. APPRECIATES the efforts made to promote training in health research and the special programmes of control of Diarrhoeal (CDD), Human Reproduction (HPR), and Tropical Diseases Research (TDR)
4. APPROVES the report of the Regional Director and its recommendations;
5. INVITES Member States to:
  - (i) continue to strengthen the development of coherent national health research policies based on overall development strategies;
  - (ii) allocate funds for development of health research capability with a view to undertaking research activities which are relevant to national health development;
  - (iii) incorporate health systems research as an essential element in the strategy of the national health development centres;
6. REQUESTS the Regional to:
  - (i) continue collaborating Member States in development and strengthening of national mechanisms for identification and periodic review of national research priorities relevant to HFA strategies;
  - (ii) promote health-related research on social, economic and behavioural determination of health and their interaction;
  - (iii) support national health councils or similar bodies as an essential element in the formulation of national research policies;
  - (iv) keep member States informed periodically of the resources available for health research.

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<sup>1</sup> Document AFR/RC35/4.