FRC Background

Inequitable research partnerships is not a new concept. Fair Research Contracting through a culmination of collaborative work recognized the importance of strengthening institutional research contracting practices. What became clear over time is the absence of contracting ability in developing countries with some research institutions having little or no legal expertise to be able to deal with the complexities of international collaborative partnerships. Fair Research Contracting (FRC) is an initiative that drives stronger, sustainable contracting practices in the Global South development landscape. To date we have developed materials, workshops and consultancy services which highlight the key issues for consideration when entering into formalized research partnerships. We aim to assist those partners with resources for sustainable development in contract management to forge equitable cross-border partnerships



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Organisation Background

The Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED) is an international non-profit and nongovernmental organisation based in Geneva, Switzerland; Pietermaritzburg, South Africa; and Belo Horizonte, Brazil. We have over 20 years handson experience in delivering support to maximize the impact of research and innovation on the health and development of those who need it most.

COHRED provides:

- 1. Technical Support (maximize national capacity)
- 2. Practical Tools (power up systems)
- 3. Global Action (design solutions to complex problems)

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Our Goal

Our Team can assist you by creating sustainable solutions to improve your institution's international contracting practices in research and development.

What We Do

The rise in globalized collaborative research and innovation means your institution needs to have strong infrastructure and management to deal with the complexities in global contractual arrangements. Fair Research Contracting can help your institution develop tools aimed at improving efficiency in contracting practices to optimize global research partnerships.



Why Fair Research Contracting

Our goal is to inform and educate research partners, particularly in developing countries, on building sustainable, equitable partnerships by bridging the gap where there is limited

- Research contracting knowledge
- Legal and policy implementation

We can assist by translating legal knowledge, policy and practice into strategic research frameworks.

How Can We Help You

Fair Research Contracting has designed a number of solutions to assist your research institution's infrastructure by enhancing your competitive advantage and building effective, sustainable research partnerships. We currently offer services in the form of

- Workshops
- Consultancy (contracting support)
- Booklets
- Guidelines and checklists
- An online toolkit
- Online resources



Who Can We Help

- Research coordinators
- Research managers
- Technology transfer officers
- Legal officers
- Researchers



Fair Research Contracting

• Creating sustainable solutions



 Improving international research contracting infrastructure and practice



Strengthening global research partnerships



Optimizing research and development

