



## Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Montreux

### Pre-Symposium Workshop, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

#### ***Health Policy and Systems Research Capacity: levels, partnerships and assessment***

**Venue:** Montreux Music and Convention Centre

**Time:** 14H00 to 17H30

**Chair:** Sara Bennett

#### **Objectives:**

This workshop, on country level capacity for undertaking and utilising Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR), is open to all participants attending the WHO Symposium. It will focus on:

- A. analysing research capacity – components, needs, enablers and constraints, firstly at the national level (the national research system, including policy makers), and secondly at the research institution, research team and individual researchers' levels.
- B. the role of multi-country partnerships in strengthening research capacity.

Presenters, panelists and participants will share experiences from working in and analysing research systems, with a particular focus on HPSR, taking into account three perspectives:

- a) *global* (policy makers and donors) and cross-country researchers,
- b) *national* stakeholders (researchers, policy makers and donors), and
- c) *researchers* at the research team and *institution* levels. Some participants will present insights and lessons learned from assessing research capacities at the country level.

#### **Expected outcomes**

By the end of the workshop, participants will have explored and developed insights into:

1. What we mean by HPSR capacity and what are HPSR capacity needs at the different levels for undertaking and using HPSR research
2. How to analyse capacity needs and different models to strengthen capacities among the partners
3. How multi-country partnerships can be used to develop country level HPSR capacity

Workshop messages and recommendations will be carried forward into the main Symposium

#### **Potential themes**

Themes that will be discussed include:

- The capacity needs of researchers and research teams for Health Policy and Systems research
- Research institutions – functions, capacities and ensuring sustainability
- Legitimacy of HPSR within countries' and policy makers' needs for evidence for health
- Roles, capacities and trade-offs within national research systems
- Optimal management of research partnerships for strengthening HPSR capacity
- HPSR capacity – capacity-building models and assessment approaches

#### **Participants**

Researchers, policy makers and donors with a commitment to strengthening Health Policy and Systems Research capacity.

#### **Organisers**

- The Council on Health Research and Development (<http://www.cohred.org/>),
- Researchers and coordinators from three HPSR networks covering Africa, Europe, Asia and South America ([www.ghinet.org](http://www.ghinet.org), <http://www.crehs.lshtm.ac.uk/>, [www.chraic.org](http://www.chraic.org))

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