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Human Rights and Justice**

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Recommendations

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

To reach:

National Legislation;

Judicial system to enforce legislation;

Efficient Evaluation (National Research Ethics Committees);

Sufficient Regulation (Inspectorates and Regulatory Agencies).

- 2) Securing Protection

Based on:

Legislation;

Independence of application;

Respect of the Rule of Law;

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