



EXPLORING THE FRONTIERS OF SAFEGUARDING RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS WITH THE APPLICATION OF RESEARCH ETHICS PRINCIPLES

The Role of Research Integrity in Safeguarding Research Participant

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PRESENTATION PROFILE



1. Introduction to ARIN
2. Highlight of relevant CIOMs guidelines
3. CIOMs guidelines and RI
4. Conclusion





- Nurture a culture of integrity in African researchers, institutions, and decision makers, guided by African perspectives, values and inclusive thinking

VISION: Promoting research integrity in Africa and for Africa

VALUES

*Our values are anchored in the overarching value of **Integrity**.*

1. Cultural identity and sensitivity (Ubuntu, Respect)
2. Professionalism (Rigour, Responsibility,)
3. Fairness (Partnership, Collegiality, Collaboration)
4. Honesty (Transparency, Responsiveness)
5. Accountability (Trustworthiness, Reliability)

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OBJECTIVES



1. To sustain dialogue, engagement, and networking among African role-players and stakeholders of research integrity
2. To develop a better understanding of – and sensitise people about – the conditions for RI in African scholarship
3. To share relevant information and resources on RI
4. To build and nurture capacity and leadership in RI for Africa
5. To contribute to the development of research integrity policies and guidelines for Africa

THE CIOMS GUIDELINES



- International Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research Involving Human Subjects
- Application of universal ethical principles in **conducting research in low-resource settings**
- Dynamic, inclusive and responsive



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CIOMS GUIDELINES AND RI



- **CIOMS guidelines**

- Promoting the application of universal ethical principles
- Obligations of researchers, research institutions, journals, funders/sponsors
- Differences in research and populations

- **Research**

- Research conduct
- Misconduct/QRP
- Responsible conduct of research

Promoting Integrity, Transparency, Trustworthiness and Accountability of the Research Enterprise



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SCIENTIFIC AND SOCIAL VALUE AND RESPECT FOR RIGHTS (1)

- **Quality of information to be produced, relevance and contribution to policy**
- **Researchers' professional conduct**-Implication of individual researchers' conduct towards the quality of information to be produced and integrity of research, reproducibility.
- **Research personnel qualification and capacity**- The role of fieldworkers (FWs)- in data collection/everyday ethics
- FWs-Welfare, safety and risks-should Include data collectors
- New technologies with implication for innovation eg AI, ChatGPT

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RESEARCH CONDUCTED IN LOW-RESOURCE SETTINGS (2)

- Fairness in research in low-resource settings
- Fairness to study participants and the communities in which the research is conducted
 - **Between researchers?**- Fair Practice from conception to implementation
 - Power imbalances
 - Fairness, Diversity, and Inclusivity in collaborative research
 - How research institution and funders can address relevant barriers

<https://www.wcrif.org/guidance/cape-town-statement>



REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEES AND FOR THEIR REVIEW OF PROTOCOLS (23)

- Protocol amendments, deviations, violations and sanctions- Focus on protocol deviation
- **Intentional omission and commission:** RECs inability to impose sanctions.

What must be done?

- **Emphasise the role of ORI?**



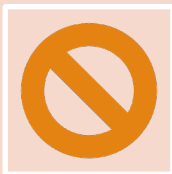
CONCLUSION



RE and RI are integral to health research. CIOMs guidelines should highlight the importance and value of RI in promoting research participants' safety, welfare and protection



Scope-Issues related to individual researcher's conduct, and implication for scientific integrity



Power influence-The need for funders and research institutions to create a conducive environment to promote the integrity of the research enterprise



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