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Equitable Partnerships





The goal of the **TRUST Project** is to catalyse a global collaborative effort to improve adherence to high ethical standards around the world.



Commitment

We work for global, inclusive and fair research without double standards.

We build equitable research partnerships.

We include the voices of vulnerable populations.

We encourage others to do the same.



The International Network

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TRUST Workshop in Mumbai, March 2016

TRUST - Our Aims

- Create an international network on global research ethics governance with relevant key actors to identify generic risks of exporting non-ethical practices.
- Identify paradigmatic case studies of exporting non-ethical practices and report on lessons learnt.
- Develop a global code of conduct that can be used by the European Commission and funders world-wide to foster ethical research and equitable partnerships.
- Develop a tool that gives power to vulnerable populations under non-ideal conditions (fair research contract).
- Develop a compliance and ethics follow-up tool for conditions of high vulnerability.
- Develop a strategy for fostering the convergence of global ethical research governance to improve adherence to high ethical standards in the longer term.



TRUST Kick-off Meeting, UNESCO, Paris October 2015

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VulnerablePopulations Represented

The San population of Southern Africa

The San are the indigenous population of Southern Africa. Their hunter-gatherer culture stretches back over 20,000 years, and their genetic origins reach back over one million years. After centuries of genocide and marginalization, leading to loss of land, culture

leading to loss of land, culture and identity, they are still one of the poorest populations in Southern Africa. At the same time, they hold valuable traditional knowledge that is highly

San village near Kimberley

Majengo, Nairobi

Sex Workers in Majengo, Nairobi

interesting for researchers from around the world.

Having received international attention for the past 30 years due to possible resistance against the HIV/AIDS virus, the community of sex workers in the Majengo area of Nairobi has been researched by groups from around the world. The Majengo research clinic, under the leadership of Dr Joshua

Kimani, has also been recognised as an example of good practice for benefit sharing with vulnerable research populations.

