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The role of the EM-ACHR is to provide the Regional Director with scientific advice in relation to WHO Regional Office research programmes.

At the regional level, the terms of reference of the ACHR are to:

advise the Regional Director on formulation of policies for the development of health research in the Region, in accordance with directives provided by the governing bodies (World Health Assembly, Executive Board and Regional Committees) and within the framework of the global WHO policy. This formulation includes the identification of national and regional priorities;

establish mechanisms for coordinating research at national, intra- and inter-regional levels;

develop research potential and capability, nationally and regionally; and

harmonize regional research activities with the activities of other regions and headquarters, in close collaboration with the global ACHR.

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