



Global Research Council Statement on collectively confronting Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

The novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic presents a significant challenge that requires a global response informed by the very best scientific research.

The Global Research Council (GRC) is calling on its participating organisations and the global research community to collaborate in the fight against the virus and encourages openness in sharing research findings and data which will help ensure diagnostics, vaccines and prevention measures are developed rapidly for the benefit of every nation.

Bringing together the main publicly funded research funding agencies from across the world, the GRC is dedicated to high quality, multilateral research, cooperation and collaboration through the sharing of data and best practice.

The GRC recognises the important role research plays in addressing global challenges and will continue to bring research funders together to support multilateral, multidisciplinary and multisectoral approaches needed to confront these challenges.

The GRC provides a vital forum for the global research community, and in the long-term this international cooperation and shared insights will strengthen collaboration in areas such as epidemiology, virology and emergency management, to enhance future epidemic responses.