

# Navigating the Ethical Terrain of Collaborative Health Research in Developing Countries

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Global North and South have long participated in collaborative health research and partnership.

Northern partners are exclusively the funding or sponsoring partners while the Southern counterparts are the research recipients or hosts. This characteristic dichotomous relationship has persisted in research collaboration and has created a lopsided partnership whereby Northern collaborators are the dominant “big brother” that sets the research priorities and drives research agendas while the Southern counterparts are subservient to the “commands” of the big brother.

But is this still the current trend of research relationships between North and South? Are there ethical changes to the way collaborative research is conducted in low- and middle-income countries?

Dr. Bege Dauda will address these questions by looking at some historical antecedents of collaborative research in developing countries and focusing on contemporary examples of collaborative research in Africa.

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