The National Science Foundation, with the strong support of President Obama’s Office of Science, Technology and Policy and the U.S. State Department, is organizing the inaugural meeting of the Global Research Council. The Global Summit, to be convened in Washington DC on May 16-15, 2012, will bring together the Heads of Research Councils from research-intensive countries. The Global Research Council has a long-term objective of fostering international research collaboration across continents to benefit both developing and developed nations.

The goal for the Washington Global Summit on Merit Review is to collectively develop and endorse a Statement of Principles on Merit Review. In developing these principles, we expect to identify best practices and standards that will cultivate multinational research cooperation among countries and across continents.