

# TRREE for Africa

*Training and Resources in  
Research Ethics Evaluation*

## Origin, Goals and Organization

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## The beginnings...

- Acknowledgment of training needs of members of ethics committees (<http://ethique.msss.gouv.qc.ca/didacticiel/>)
- Recognition of capacity building needs in research ethics of clinical trials conducted in Africa : EDCTP funding
- The TRREE-for Africa team comes together

# ... the beginnings... the Team

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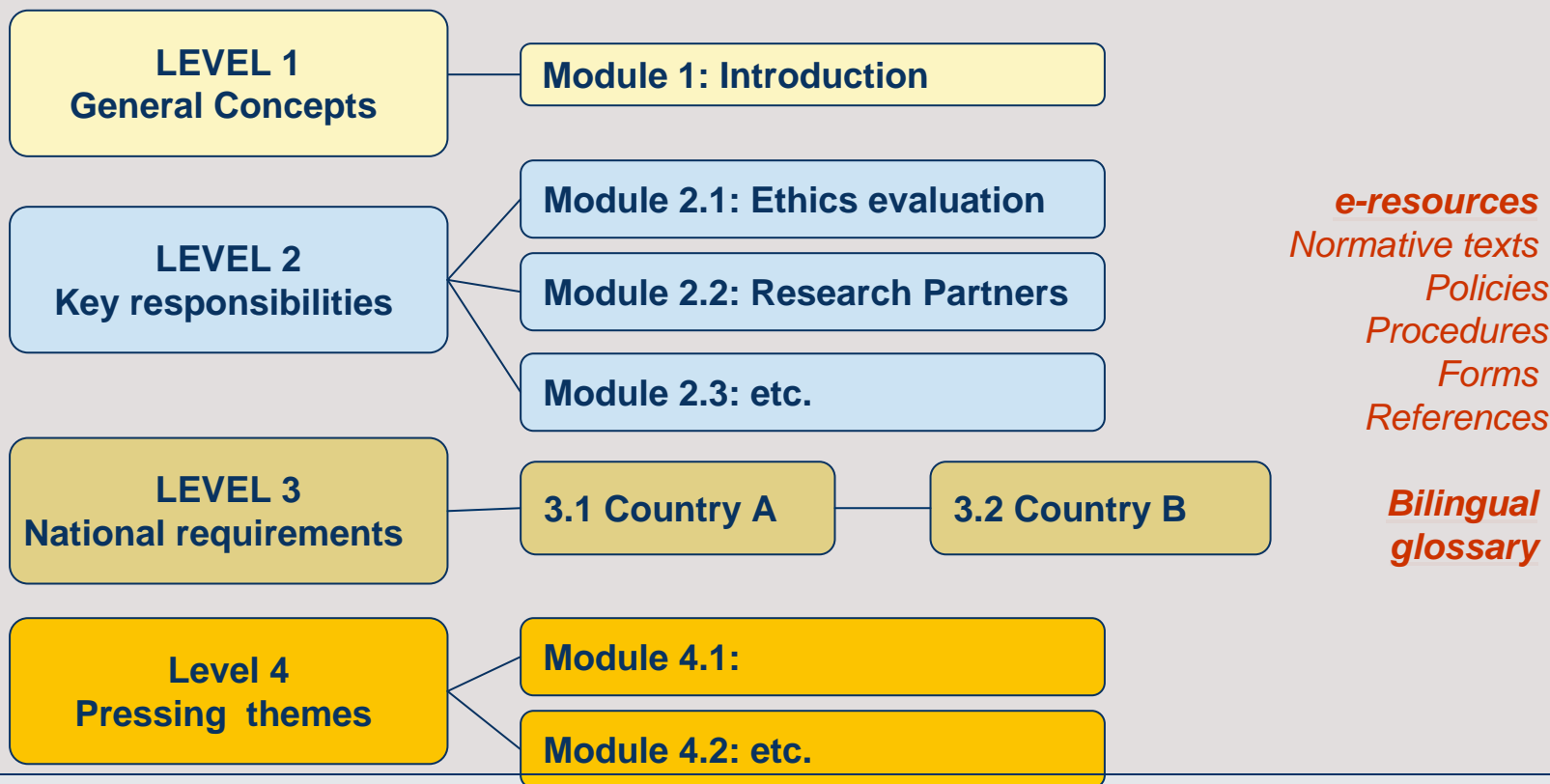
## Proposed Vision ...

- Provide basic training in research ethics of international collaborative research (including clinical trials) on an ongoing basis
- Offer training material that is flexible, dynamic and accessible
- Make available research ethics resources (normative texts and regulations, policies, forms, etc.)

## ... proposed vision

- Work up from the assessment of training needs in Africa
- Transparent and efficient
- Participatory and collegial
- Collaborative: building on current resources

# Proposed Structure



# Getting there... the first steps

- Communication tools
- Assessing and prioritizing training needs
- Survey of existing resources
- Identifying learning objectives
- Drafting tailored training material

## Where can this go...

- Increase core content?
- Add national modules?
- Serve as a basis for other activities

## Possible outcomes...

- Increasing knowledge base in research ethics
- Creating a common language - consistency ?
- Promoting the dissemination & use of key normative texts
- Enhancing capacity of African partners in regulation of research ethics nationally and internationally
- Facilitating access to documents from other countries
- Sharing various frameworks applicable to research involving humans

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