



THE SCIENCE GRANTING COUNCILS INITIATIVE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA (SGCI)
 THE 2019 REGIONAL MEETING
 June 24th - 28th 2019 | Ethiopian Skylight Hotel | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



BRIDGING THE GAP: STI POLICIES, EXPERIENCES AND ECONOMIC IMPACT



INTRODUCTION

The Science Granting Councils Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa (SGCI) seeks to strengthen the capacity of Science Granting Councils (SGCs) in Eastern, Southern, and Western Africa. It is jointly funded by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID), the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and South Africa's National Research Foundation (NRF).

The SGCI aims at strengthening the capability of participating SGCs to:

- i) manage research;
- ii) design and monitor research programmes and formulate and implement policies based on the use of robust science, technology and innovation (STI) indicators;
- iii) support knowledge exchange with the private sector
- iv) establish partnerships with other science system actors.

The Initiative also emphasises gender equality and inclusivity. Implementation of these activity areas is achieved through a number of modalities, including customized regional training courses, individualized on-site training sessions, technical support, on-line training, webinars, collaborative research and public private partnership projects. The SGCI works with Councils in 15 countries in Eastern, Western and Southern Africa.

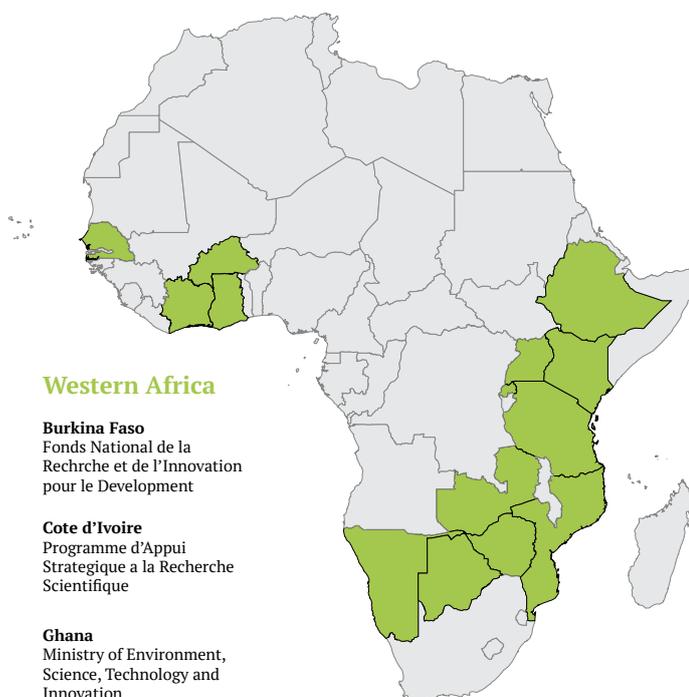
The SGCI's main outputs include :

- i) more effective research management practices among Councils;
- ii) strengthened ability of Councils to design and monitor research programmes, and effective use of STI indicators to formulate and implement policies,
- iii) increased knowledge exchange public institutions and the private sector;
- iv) increasingly coordinated and networked Councils.

This is premised on the notion that Councils will strengthen national science and research systems, and ultimately lead to nationally-led, regional and cross-regional collaborative research that contributes to sustainable development in participating countries.

Regional meetings are held annually to support regional or national STI agenda, create platforms for lessons and experience-sharing among Councils, and to jointly reflect on the implementation of the Initiative.

This document provides details of the Regional Meeting (RM) which will take place from June 24th to 28th 2019. It will allow the Councils to learn from and share experiences around the economic impact of STI policies. The Councils, together with the Collaborating Technical Agencies and the Initiative Management Team, will jointly reflect on the progress of the Initiative.



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Ministry of Science and Technology

Kenya
National Research Fund
National Commission of Science and Technology

Rwanda
National Council for Science and Technology

Tanzania
Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology

Uganda
Uganda National Council for Science and Technology

Southern Africa

Botswana
Ministry of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology

Malawi
National Commission for Science and Technology

Namibia
National Commission on Research Science and Technology

Zambia
National Science and Technology Council

Zimbabwe
Research Council of Zimbabwe

Western Africa

Burkina Faso
Fonds National de la Recherche et de l'Innovation pour le Development

Cote d'Ivoire
Programme d'Appui Strategique a la Recherche Scientifique

Ghana
Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation

Senegal
Ministere de l'Enseignement superieur, de la Recherche et de l'Innovation

THE 2019 REGIONAL MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

The 2019 Regional Meeting will be held at the Ethiopian Skylight Hotel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It is co-organized by Ethiopia's Ministry of Innovation and Technology (MInT) and the African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) under the theme 'Bridging the Gap: STI Policies, Experiences and Economic Impact'. This is the third Regional Meeting since the inception of the SGCI in 2015. Previous Regional Meetings have been held in Kigali in 2016 with the theme "*Science, technology and innovation for socio-economic development, regional integration and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals*"; and in Accra in 2018 under the theme "*Research and Innovation for Job Creation*".

This year's RM builds on previous meetings and will focus on two areas. First, the Councils will have a chance to engage with Ethiopia's STI policy implementation experience. Over the last decade or so, Ethiopia has registered a strong GDP growth performance. In its recent development strategies, Ethiopia has prioritised on STI investment and industrial infrastructure development. This is because STI is considered as a crosscutting issue, which enables or facilitates the implementation of other major national policies and development strategies. Ethiopia's national STI Policy (revised and ratified in 2012 by the Ethiopian Council of Ministers) asserts that the Government is responsible for creating an enabling environment for industrial development through infrastructural development and provision of appropriate incentives to the private sector. It identifies technology transfer, human resource development, scientific research, quality infrastructure, STI information, strong public-private partnerships and linkages between stakeholders, and environmental sustainability among the critical pillars of achieving the goals of the STI policy. Ethiopia's experience, lessons, challenges, and opportunities in implementing its STI policy will be presented, and key experiences of participating countries will be shared among SGCs' representatives.

The second part the RM will focus on the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) framework of the SGCI, where the implementation and key lessons of the initiative are discussed. The Councils, the CTAs and the IMT will jointly reflect on the achievements to-date, draw lessons from challenges faced and plan for the remaining period of the first phase of the Initiative which concludes in March 2020. The Councils and the CTAs will be able to report back on the changes that they have observed as a result of the learning and technical support offered by the CTAs. The MEL session comes at a critical phase when the Initiative is preparing to conduct case studies to document the outcomes of capacity building efforts so far. The Councils will be able to input in the draft design of the case studies. Also, the researchers working on the second phase of Political Economy Studies will engage with the Councils as the studies progress.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE 2019 RM

The specific objectives of the RM 2019 event are:

- To facilitate peer learning through experience-sharing on STI policy implementation;
- To jointly review and reflect on SGCI implementation by the Councils, CTAs and the Initiative Management Team;
- To discuss the design of SGCI case studies;
- To discuss the progress of Political Economy Studies.

The 2019 RM will be followed by three specialized workshops.

First, a two-day workshop (26th and 27th June) that will focus on the development of organization-wide Monitoring and Evaluation systems and how they can enable more effective management of research activities, especially collaborative research efforts. This workshop has synergies with Themes 1 (research management) and Theme 2 (STI indicators) and has been organised in consultation with Southern Africa Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA) and New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) implementing Themes 1 and 2, respectively.

Second, the SGCI will organize a half day event on the morning of June 26th to discuss the gender mainstreaming framework and action plan and agree on the 2019 targets of the framework.

Third, the Scinnovent Centre under SGCI's Theme 3 (promoting collaborative activity by SGCs' including with the private sector) will organize a two-day (26th Afternoon to morning of 28th June) specialized training in which Council representatives will be trained on the theory and practice of intellectual property rights, technology transfer and research and new technology commercialization in the context of developing countries.

Finally, the Initiative Management Team (IMT) will have a meeting with CTAs on Monday, June 24th afternoon & in the afternoon of Wednesday 26th June 2019 to discuss the progress of the SGCI.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS OF THE RM 2019

The following outputs and outcomes are expected following the event:

1. Better understanding of the relationship between STI policies and national development;
2. Stories of change and lessons emerging from review and reflection of the SGCI identified and captured for future documentation;
3. A shared understanding of the case studies to evaluate the outcomes of capacity strengthening and technical support offered under the SGCI;
4. A shared understanding of the expected outcomes of the Political Economy Studies.



STRUCTURE OF THE REGIONAL MEETING

Date	Event	Convener	Overview of the event	Participants
24th June	Bridging the Gap: STI Policies, Experiences and Economic Impact of the Ethiopian STI Policy	Ministry of Innovation and Technology (MInT), Ethiopia	A one-day event in which Council representatives will deliberate and share experiences on Ethiopia's STI policy implementation experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils • MInT local stakeholders • Ministry officials • CTAs • IMT
24th & 26th June 1600 – 1700	CTAs meeting	IMT	A meeting between the IMT and CTAs on updates on SGCI; January 2020 Logframe targets; Implementation Plan and progress; Project management issues such as Reports and budgets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTAs • IMT
25th June	MEL Session	SGCI	A one-day event in which Council representatives, the CTAs and the IMT will jointly reflect on the MEL framework of the SGCI, and achievements to-date of the initiatives, draw lessons from challenges faced and plan for the remaining period of the first phase of the Initiative which concludes in March 2020. This will be followed by discussions on case studies to document SGCI's lessons, and progress of the on-going Political Economy Studies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils • CTAs • IMT
26th – 27th June	M&E System Support Learning Workshop	Theme 3 consortium (AAU & ACTS) with SARIMA & NEPAD	A two-day event focusing on the development of organization wide M&E systems and how they can enable more effective management of research activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils • CTAs • IMT
26th June 9:00-13:00	Gender meeting	SGCI	A half day event in which Council representatives will be trained on gender issues in science funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils • CTAs • IMT • Councils • CTAs • IMT
26th June 14:00 - 28th June 13:00	IP, Tech Transfer and Commercialization	Theme 3 consortium (Scinnovent Centre & ACTS)	A two-day specialized training in which Council representatives will be trained on the theory and practice of intellectual property rights, technology transfer and new research commercialization in the context of developing countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils • CTAs • IMT



Bridging the Gap: STI Policies, Experiences and Economic Impact

Monday, 24th June 2019

Chair : Kalid Ahmed, MInT and Ellie Osir, IDRC

Venue : Ethiopian Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa

Time	Session
9:00 – 9:15	Opening Speech and Introduction Kalid Ahmed, MInT Ellie Osir, IDRC
9:15-9:45	STI policy of Ethiopia-Experiences Awol Hussein
9:45-10:15	Discussion
10:15-10:45	Tea break
10:45-11:15	STI Policy of Ethiopia-Experiences Ethiopian Science Academy
11:15-12:00	Discussion
12:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:30	Experiences from Technology and Innovation Institute Ethiopian Technology and Innovation Institute
14:30-15:00	Discussion
15:00-15:30	Tea break
15:30-16:00	Bridging the Gap- MInT's Directions in shaping up Ethiopia's Innovation Ecosystem Kalid Ahmed
16:00-17:00	Discussion
18:00	Welcome dinner

The CTA meeting will take place alongside the above event, from 16:00-17:00.



STI Workshop held in Nairobi, 4th-6th March 2019

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Workshop

Tuesday, June 25th 2019

Chair: Diakalia Sanogo, IDRC, Kenya

Venue: Ethiopian Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa

Time	Session
08:00 – 08:30	Arrival and Registration
08:30 - 09:00	<p>Welcome and Introduction (plenary)</p> <p>Kalid Ahmed, MInT Diakalia Sanogo, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)</p>
09:00 - 10:00	<p>Session 1: SGCI Theory of Change (TOC) and major achievements (Plenary) (Presentation, Questions and Answers)</p> <p>Ellie Osir, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)</p>
10:00 – 10:40	<p>Session 2: Annual SGCI Benchmarking Survey: An overview of trends (Presentation, Questions and Answers)</p> <p>Patrice Ajai-Ajagbe, Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)</p>
10:40-11:00	Coffee/Tea Break
11:00 -12:00	<p>Session 3: SGCI Data Collection Tools (Plenary)</p> <p>a) Significant Moment of Change Tracker b) SGCI Overall Report Documentation Process and tool</p> <p>Donnelly Mwachi (SGCI, MEL Consultant)</p>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Session 4: Stories of Change (Group work)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Grants management: • Group 2: Use of STI Indicators to design and monitor research programs and to make research investments decisions: • Group 3: Uptake of learning and knowledge outputs <p>Facilitator: Dorothy Ngila, National Research Foundation (NRF)</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Session 5: Report back from Group Work (Plenary) (Discussions)</p> <p>Diakalia Sanogo, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)</p>
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 6: Case Studies Outline (Plenary)</p> <p>Loise Ochanda, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)</p>
15:30 -16:15	<p>Session 7: Political Economy Analyses (PEA) Phase II – Progress</p> <p>Chux Daniels, University of Sussex</p>
16:15 -16:30	Coffee/Tea Break
16:30-17:00	<p>Session 8: Next Steps and Closure (Plenary)</p> <p>Ellie Osir, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)</p>

Gender in SGCI

Wednesday, 26th June 2019

Chair : Loise Ochanda, IDRC, Kenya

Venue: Ethiopian Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa

Time	Session
09:00 – 09:20	Welcome and Introduction Ellie Osir, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
09:20 – 09:50	Session 1: The SGCI Gender mainstreaming framework Loise Ochanda, IDRC
09:50 – 10:10	Session 2: Annual SGCI benchmarking survey: a focus on gender disaggregated data Patrice Ajai-Ajagbe, Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)
10:10 – 11:00	Session 2: SGC roundtable: Group work and report back: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1 – Initiatives, practices and actions to promote gender equality and equity in STI; • Group 2- where can the SGCI facilitate deepening of existing initiatives or developing new actions; • Group 3 - what targets can the SGCI collectively consider in 2019 to support SGCs regarding gender equality and equity in STI Facilitator: Diakalia Sanogo, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
11:00 – 11:20	Health Break
11:20 – 11:40	Session 3: Global Research Council: The Gender Working Group and Current Initiatives Dorothy Ngila, National Research Foundation (NRF)
11:40 – 12:00	Session 4: Gender and diversity/ intersectionality: Proposed study in partnership with SGCI participating councils (German Research Foundation, National Research Foundation and the Organisation for Women in Science for the Developing World) <i>Diversity is the range of human differences, including but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, social class, physical ability or attributes, religious or ethical values system, national origin, and political beliefs.</i> <i>Intersectionality is a framework for conceptualizing a person, group of people, or social problem as affected by a number of discriminations and disadvantages. It considers people's overlapping identities and experiences to understand the complexity of prejudices they face.</i> Dorothy Ngila, National Research Foundation (NRF), on behalf of the Consortium
12:00 – 12:50	Session 5: SGC roundtable and reporting back <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What diversity/ intersectionality criteria and initiatives has your funding agency considered? 2. What have been your experiences in advancing the issue of diversity/ intersectionality considerations in the research and grants management process? 3. What research projects/ initiatives are you aware of in your country that are focused on understanding diversity/ intersectionality and in which research domains e.g. the social sciences, health? 4. What would you be interested in learning more about diversity and intersectionality in relation to the workings of your funding agency from the proposed study? Facilitator: Dorothy Ngila, National Research Foundation (NRF)
12:50 – 13:00	Summary and way Forward Loise Ochanda, International Research Development Centre

The Second CTA meeting will take place alongside the above event, from 16:00-17:00.

Science Granting Councils Initiative M&E Systems Support Peer-Learning Workshop

Wednesday, 26th – Thursday, 27th June 2019

Chair: Ms. Ruth Issambo Dickson, AAU, Ghana

Venue: Ethiopian Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa

Time	Session
Day 1: Wednesday, 26th June 2019	
08:00 – 09:00	Arrival and Registration Association of African Universities (AAU)
09:00 - 09:30	Welcome Remarks Ethiopian SGC Executive General Loise Ochanda – IDRC Dr. Rebecca Hanlin – ACTS
09:30 – 09:50	Keynote address and the Objectives of the visit Ms Nodumo Dhlamini - AAU
09:50- 10:20	Share findings and learning from eight SGCs Samuel Nyarko Agyapong and Ms Ruth Issambo Dickson- AAU
10:20-10:30	Group photo
10:30-10:50	Coffee Break
10:50–11:30	Presentations of MEL Systems <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each SGC will make a presentation on its current MEL System, this will include sharing documentation with all SGCs 2. Introduction – how M&E sits within the Council – number of staff’s et al? and all MEL procedures 3. Components of their MEL systems – e.g. Theory of Change, M&E framework, M&E work plan 4. What is working? 5. What is not working <p>Ethiopian SGC MEL officer Burkina Faso MEL officer</p>
11:30 - 12:30	SARIMA Report on previous M&E training with SGCs SARIMA
12:30 –13:30	MEL basics. What the Council need to know. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory of Change • Monitoring Framework • Evaluation Framework • Data Collection Tools – Significant Moments Reporting • M&E Plan <p>Donnelly Mwachi - SGCI, MEL Consultant</p>
13:30 -14:30	Lunch
15:30 –16:30	Group Work: Linking Theory of Change to our work (both at design and implementation stages) Donnelly Mwachi - SGCI, MEL Consultant
16:30 - 16:40	Coffee Break
16:40 - 17:30	Plenary – Reflection All MEL officers

Time	Session
Day 2 Thursday, 27th June 2019	
09:00 - 09:10	Recap of day 1 Aschalew Tigabu
09:10- 11:00	Group Discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is considered as strengths in the current MEL system? • What is considered as weakness in the current MEL systems? • Recommendations for improvement? All MEL Officers
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 13:00	Knowledge exchange on of Monitoring Tools using Indicators SGCs will be required to come along with their data collection tools NEPAD will assist MEL officers to design M&E tools using indicators Donnelly Mwachi (SGCI, MEL Consultant)/NEPAD
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	MEL Digitization What is a digitized system What are the benefits and challenge to having a digitized system Uganda case Study Nodumo Dhlamini/Samuel Nyarko Agyapong-AAU
15:00 - 15:20	Coffee Break
15:20 - 16:30	Actions Plans MEL officers would be required to draft their action plans based on the MEL training. There would be activities that would need follow ups MEL Officers



Communications Workshop held in Nairobi from 26th February to 2nd March 2018.

Intellectual Property, Technology Transfer and Commercialization Workshop, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Wednesday : 26th – Friday, 28th June 2019

Chair : Maurice Bolo, Scinnovent Centre, Kenya

Venue: Ethiopian Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa

Time	Session
DAY 1: IP POLICIES AND STRATEGIES	
13:30 – 14:00	Registration
Session 1: Introduction to the Workshop: Why are we here?	
14:00 – 14:10	Objectives of the workshop, expected outcomes, the programme and training approach as well as post training activities and introduction of the external facilitators
Session 2: Leveling the field: Context, Definitions and Status	
14:10 – 15:00	Research, Innovation and IP Management: Setting the context, and making the connections
Session 3: Policy and Legal Issues for Innovation	
15:00 – 17:00	Institutional IP Policies and Strategies: Contracts, Agreements and related Tools for Managing Partnerships
17:00 – 17:30	Feedback and Wrap-up Tea/ coffee break
DAY 2: TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND COMMERCIALIZATION	
Session 4: Facilitating Access to Innovation	
08:00 – 8:15	Recap of Day 1 <i>A brief overview of the previous day's key issues, take home messages.</i>
08.15 – 10.30	This session will focus on: IP Strategies, Mechanisms and Tools; Technology Transfer Offices, their roles, establishment and resourcing as well as harmonization of Commercialization with Public Interest
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break
Session 5: Group Works: Towards an IP Strategy	
11.00 – 12.30	Group 1: Key elements of an effective IP strategy Group 2: Guidelines for IP Management in government – funded multi-institutional projects Group 3: Guidelines for harmonizing commercialization with public interest
12.30 – 13:00	Group reports Groups will report to plenary followed by a brief Q&A session
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
Session 6: Commercialization, upscaling and outscaling	
14:00 – 16:00	(a) Technology Licensing and other commercialization pathways (b) Innovation and Commercialization infrastructure at the Universities and Research Institutes; Spin-outs, spin-offs, incubation hubs, science parks etc, (c) The role of innovation/commercialization intermediaries, (d) IP evaluation, marketing and trading
16:00 – 16:30	Monitoring, Enforcement and Dispute Resolution: what role for the Science Granting Councils?
16:30 – 16:45	Reflections, feedback and wrap-up Tea/Coffee is served

DAY 3: INTO THE FUTURE: WHAT NEXT?

Session 7: Implementation plans and post-training support

08:30 – 9:00	Recap and evaluation of Day 2 Participant/volunteer
9:00 – 10:30	Developing Implementation Plans
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:00	Group/country reports of implementation plans
12:00 – 13:00	Further group work
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break

Session 8: Evaluation, and Closure

14:00 – 14:30	Feedback and wrap up
14:30 – 15:00	Tea/Coffee break and departure



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Ministry of Innovation and Technology (MinT)

MinT is a Government Ministry dedicated to creating an enabling environment for innovation to thrive in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE). It envisions Ethiopia accumulating the requisite innovation capacities, which enable rapid learning, adaptation and utilization of advanced technologies by 2023. To achieve this, MinT coordinates encourages and supports science, technology and innovation activities in Ethiopia.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.mcit.gov.et/web/guest/vision-mission-and-values>

African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS)

ACTS is an Intergovernmental organization founded in 1988 to pursue policy-oriented research towards strengthening the capacity of African countries and institutions to harness science and technology for sustainable development. ACTS envisions a sustainable economic, social and environmental future for Africa, through science, technology, and innovation.

For more information, please visit: <http://acts-net.org/>

Scinnovent Centre

The Scinnovent Centre is a non-partisan, non-political policy and development research and training organization incorporated in Kenya as a not-for-profit company, working around the synergies between science, technology, innovation (STI) and entrepreneurship.

For more information, please visit: <https://scinnovent.wordpress.com/>

Association of African Universities (AAU)

With more than 360 members, the Association of African Universities (AAU), is a pioneering platform for research, reflection, consultation, debates, co-operation and collaboration on issues pertaining to higher education in Africa. AAU's vision is to be the leading advocate for higher education in Africa, with the capacity to provide support for its member institutions in meeting national, continental and global needs.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.aau.org/about/>

Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Research Organization (STIPRO)

STIPRO is a non-governmental organization based in Tanzania dedicated to carrying out policy research that informs Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policies and decisions. It also undertakes capacity building activities in ST&I policy research in Tanzania and beyond. STIPRO continues to play a key role in raising public awareness on the role of STI for socio-economic development and of STI policy research for evidence-based policy decisions in Africa.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.stipro.or.tz/about-us/>

Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA)

SARIMA is an organization that brings together Research and Innovation Management practitioners, to strengthen these disciplines and institutional capabilities across the SADC region. It operates at an individual, institutional, national and international level, as well as across the continuum from research – where new knowledge that can drive innovation is created- through to innovation – which takes new knowledge and translates it into spin offs, products and services. It has anchored itself as a key role player within the SADC regional system of research and innovation (R&I), providing thought leadership and advocacy, a platform for the promotion and facilitation of best practices, and championing efforts to build and strengthen capacity & capabilities, within institutions and for individual practitioners.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.sarima.co.za/about/>

New partnership for Africa's Development –Planning and Coordination Agency (NEPAD-NPCA)

NEPAD-NPCA is a development agency of the African Union, coordinating and executing priority regional and continental development projects to promote regional integration towards the accelerated realization of Agenda 2063 – Africa's vision and action plan. We are mandated to strengthen capacity of Member States and regional bodies.

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International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

IDRC invests in knowledge, innovation, and solutions to improve the lives of people in the developing world. It supports research in developing countries to create real and lasting change. This knowledge can be used as a tool for addressing pressing global challenges.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.idrc.ca/>

National Research Foundation (NRF)

The NRF is a government mandated research and science development agency in South Africa. It funds research, the development of high-end Human Capacity and critical research infrastructure to promote knowledge production across all disciplinary fields. The goal of the NRF is to create innovative funding instruments, advance research career development, increase public science engagement and to establish leading-edge research platforms that will transform the scientific landscape and inspire a representative research community to aspire to global competitiveness. The NRF promotes South African research interests across the country and internationally.

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