

'Inclusive STI Advocacy in Africa: Multi-stakeholder Frameworks for closing the Knowledge Gaps and delivering Transformative Innovation'

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African STI Policy-making dynamics: 'Knowledge Holes' - The Swiss Cheese effect



Inclusive STI Advocacy in Africa: 'Mind the Knowledge Gaps'

The Vision for Inclusive STI Advocacy in Africa:

The synthesis and delivery of scientific and other knowledges in dynamic and empowering multi-stakeholder partnerships, which reduce the knowledge gaps at the individual, policy, institution and government levels and at socio-economic (race, gender, social class) levels and reduce the knowledge gaps in legislation and implementation.

What key Stakeholders are missing from the African STI Policy Inclusive Knowledge Pool?

- ❑ The Private Sector/Industry
- ❑ Integrated Multi-, Inter- & Cross
Disciplinarity
- ❑ The Informal Economy
- ❑ Politicians/Legislators
- ❑ Civil Society/NGO's
- ❑ The Media
- ❑ Networks of Experts & Communities of
Practice (COP's) e.g. *African Gong*
- ❑ The Public

Summary

- African STI policy-making processes need to be radically transformed through the inclusion of a diverse range of key stakeholders in order to fully engage and incorporate the full spectrum of knowledges that enhance implementation and strategic fit.
- As things stand, African STI policies and strategies are not fit for purpose and have failed to comprehensively address the myriad and profound development challenges of the continent in the globalized world of the 21st Century. These deficiencies exist in National, REC's and Continental frameworks.
- The way forward is the development of governance and dynamic change infrastructures that will bring to the agenda a wider range of knowledges and perspectives, which will challenge hegemonies both dominant and insidious, to deliver a transformed landscape.

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