



CONCEPT NOTE

Validation Workshop

Assessment of the State of the Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) in Rwanda 10th August 2021

1. Background

Rwanda's Vision aims at transforming the country into an upper-middle income country by 2035, and a high-income economy by 2050. This vision will be accelerated and supported by Rwanda's ambition to leverage the transformative potential of Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) to position herself as a globally competitive knowledge-based economy. This strategic orientation is founded on the premise that knowledge is essential to addressing social-economic challenges and achieving a high quality of living, and a key driver of growth and competitiveness.

In order to optimize national efforts and increase efficiency as well as socio-economic impact of current and future STI-related investments, there is a need for detailed understanding of the current state of STI that will support informed decision-making in public and private sectors. In response to this need, the National Council for Science and Technology (NCST), which has mandate to advise the Government on national priorities in the field of STI, research and development and modalities for financing such programs, has carried out an assessment of the state of Science, Technology, and Innovation in Rwanda for the reference year 2019/2020.

The overall goal of the assessment was to analyze the STI development patterns using standard STI indicators with the aim to achieve the following specific objectives to:

- (i) Examine trends in Rwanda's STI investment, growth, productivity and overall environment focusing on indicators related to technological development, human and knowledge resources, institutional arrangements and STI infrastructure, as well as communication and collaboration, in relation to STI;
- (ii) Make a comparison and reference, and integrate and adhere to renowned global productivity indicators including, but not limited to, the Global Observatory of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Instruments (Go- SPIN), the Global Competitive Index (GCI), and the Global Innovation Index (GII); and
- (iii) Provide a data-driven analysis and appraisal for informed decision-making to support improvement of STI status for the public and private sectors.

Therefore, a virtual validation workshop to share findings and obtain recommendations from stakeholders will take place on 10th August 2021.

2. Objectives of the workshop

The main purpose of this validation workshop is to endorse the draft STI status report in Rwanda. In particular, the workshop aims at:

- Presenting the objectives, methodology and findings of the survey
- Getting comments/inputs from participants

- Formulating/putting together relevant recommendations

3. Expected Output

The expected output of the workshop will be recommendations from key stakeholders to be incorporated in the final STI status report.

4. Participants

The workshop will gather representatives from the different stakeholders from different institutions including government and public institutions, Higher learning institutions, Business companies, Private-non-profit, and development partners.

5. Date and Venue

The workshop is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 10 August 2021 from 9:00 a.m to 11:00 p.m through the Webex platform. The link will be shared in due time.

6. Agenda

The workshop will consist mainly of presentation from consultant and deliberations from the participants. The workshop agenda is attached herewith as Annex 1.

AGENDA

Venue: Online WebEx link is:

<https://risa-rw.webex.com/risa-rw/j.php?MTID=ma3e1d64d0c5aa76335aa1059fabd61b4>

Time: 9.00- 11.00 am.

Workshop Moderator: Mr. Kalisa Felly

Time	Event	Responsible
8:45-9:00 a.m.	Connections set up: All participants Via WebEx: https://risa-rw.webex.com/risa-rw/j.php?MTID=ma3e1d64d0c5aa76335aa1059fabd61b4	All participants
9:00-9.05 a.m.	Workshop guidelines of engagement	Mr. Kalisa Felly, Moderator
9:05-9.15 a.m.	Purpose and Context of National STI Status	Dr. Louis Sibomana Head, STDO NCST
9:15-10:00 a.m.	Assessment of the Status Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) in Rwanda–Draft Analysis Report for 2019/2020	Dr. Innocent Ngaruye Lead Consultant
10:00-10:45 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A: Interactive Session • Recommendations and way forward 	Mr. Kalisa Felly, Facilitator
10:45-10:55 a.m.	Closing remarks	Dr. Mutimura Eugene, Executive Secretary
10:55-11:00 a.m.	Group Photo and Adjourn	All participants