

FINAL TECHNICAL REPORT / RAPPORT TECHNIQUE FINAL STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF SCIENCE GRANTING COUNCILS IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

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STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF SCIENCE GRANTING COUNCILS IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This project aimed at strengthening the capacities of the Councils in IP management and availing to them a suite of tools, mechanisms and support systems is a key contributor to enhancing knowledge exchange and collaboration with the private sector. It recognized that IP management and technology transfer is a necessary capability for the science granting councils and their clients including universities and research institutes, private sector and other development actors.

As the Councils continue to position themselves to (i) promote public – private partnerships (PPPs) (ii) implement innovative financing mechanisms (iii) enhance research excellence and (iv) facilitate/ coordinate interactions amongst various research and innovation systems actors, IP issues have become increasingly relevant. Even more important, to facilitate inter-regional (between/amongst African countries) and international (African and other parts of the world) cooperation, SGCs confront differing IP systems and it has become necessary have a position/guiding documents and principles from which to initiate/base discussions and negotiations.

Specifically, the project aimed to (i) support the Councils in designing agreements and contracts to facilitate partnerships and collaborations (ii) support Councils to develop policies, strategies and mechanisms to facilitate access to technologies and innovations and (iii) enhance the capacity of the Councils to negotiate public – private partnerships for research and innovation

The project has resulted in templates, guidelines, manuals, tools, a policy brief and a synthesis report all of which will be open access and form part of the institutional resources widely available to Councils.

PROJECT RATIONALE

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PROJECT OUTPUTS

In line with the envisaged from the project, the following outputs have been generated from the project:

- (i) **Three (3) templates with guidelines on how to complete/fill in the templates.** Of relevance to research and innovation partnerships, the focus shall be on the following:
 - Confidentiality agreements/Non-disclosure agreements/Licencing agreements:
 - **(English version)** [CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS\(English\) 08082020.pdf](#)
 - **French version:** [CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS\(French Version\) 08082020.pdf](#)
- Research Commercialization Framework
[Research Commercialization Framework.pdf](#)
- (ii) **A toolkit on “How to develop an effective IP strategy”**

[A model Institutional IP strategy-24.8.2020.pdf](#)
- (iii) **A manual on “How to conduct an IP Audit”.**
English version: [IP Audit Manual Final English.pdf](#)
French version: [IP Audit Manual French.pdf](#)
- (iv) **One policy brief – “PPPs and Technology Transfer”**
[PPP policy brief SGCI.pdf](#)
- (v) **One (1) synthesis report “PPPs and technology transfer in Africa – A political settlement framework”**
[PPPs and technology transfer A political settlement framework.pdf](#)