

POLICY SUPPORT FACILITY

Reform Implementation Support
Towards guidelines for enhancing technology transfer/commercialisation and
coordination of Innovation hubs



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OBJECTIVES

Provide support to the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) in developing implementation strategies to:

- effectively manage the rapidly growing network of innovation hubs in the country; and
- guide and enable universities, research centres and other institutions of higher learning in Kenya on innovation commercialisation models.

FOCUS AREAS

In its 'Vision 2030', Kenya has identified STI as a key enabler to accelerate the transition to "a globally competitive and newly industrialized middle-income country, providing a high-quality standard of life to all its citizens".

In this perspective, KeNIA expressed the need to both coordinate more effectively the growth of innovation hubs, incubation hubs and accelerators (which has mushroomed over the last five years, from a few hubs to over 100), and to strengthen the innovation commercialisation process within research centres, universities and other institutions of higher learning.

The PSF service will make recommendations contributing to, among others:

- Professionally coordinate and manage a rapidly growing network of innovation hubs;
- Streamline a network of innovation hubs that gathers individuals, firms, start-ups, incubators and accelerators to transform innovative ideas into technologically feasible solutions;
- Establish an R&I ecosystem where collaboration, knowledge transfer and spill-over effects can occur in order to spur innovation and business opportunities;
- Ease extraction of data from the network for better monitoring and evaluation (M&E), and contribution to the national development;
- Provide a clear pathway for operationalising innovation commercialisation efforts;
- Promote open innovation;
- Incentivise the process to stimulate the development of business entities;
- Track the return on investment (ROI) of new products and technologies for better M&E.

The PSF service will be carried out by an international panel of experts in collaboration with the national team and the PSF team.

OUTPUTS

A **Policy Recommendation Report (PRR)**, which will contain the two implementation strategies, as well as evidence-based recommendations (with their budget requirements for implementation and potential funding sources). The report will also contain a section on good practices from different countries in the world.

