

OACPS Research and Innovation Programme

PSF SERVICE IN CAMEROON



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What was the rationale for seeking support from the Policy Support Facility?

- Contextualised problem

- A. Cameroon owns a **Ministry exclusively** dedicated to scientific research and innovation
- B. MINRESI is in charge of the management of the **National Research and Innovation System (NRIS)**
- **STRATEGICAL:** The National Development Strategy 2020-2030 (NDS30) recognizes the role of scientific research and innovation as a key factor for local sustainable development;
 - **GEO-POLITICAL:** Cameroon is a sub-regional research and innovation hub in the Central African Region;
 - **POLITICAL:** Cameroon has not yet validated its National Research and Innovation Strategy;
 - **OPERATIONAL:**
 1. Expected synergy of actions between actors of the National Research and Innovation System (NRIS) remains weak;
 2. Many research results are available but remain unexploited.



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Objectives of the PSF-Cameroon

The main objective of the MSP service in Cameroon is to provide technical support, through objective advice and operational recommendations, to the national authorities in the development of the first inclusive national research and innovation strategy.

The inclusive national research and innovation strategy will contribute to the establishment of an appropriate framework for the coordination of research and innovation, as well as the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and African Union's (AU) Agenda 2063 "Africa We Want".



How was the service implemented?

Duration: 06 months.

National team: An inclusive National Team (composed of various sectorial ministries and stakeholders) is appointed by Madame Minister to work with the technical support unit of the OACPS Policy Support Facility (Revised ToR, coordination meeting, etc).

Experts teams: The expert panel consists of 04 high-level specialists in the field of R&I (such as heads of STI departments in universities, research organisations or regional STI organisations), with knowledge of the country and the region. A geographical and gender balance was also ensured.

- **Methodology:**

1. The MSP service was based on an assessment of R&I in Cameroon (Country Status Report - CSR) and country recommendation report (CRR), including a set of baseline information, an analysis of existing practices and a SWOT analysis of the status of R&I in the country.
2. Fieldwork of the OACPS Policy Support Facility experts in Cameroon and official launch event

- **Products.** National Team is revising the REP and RRP drafts.



What have been the main recommendations of the service?

- **Main recommendations**
- Validation of Cameroon's National Research and Innovation Strategy (NRIS);
- Implementation of an inclusive and Coordinated of the National Research and Innovation Strategy;
- strengthening the funding of scientific research and innovation



What have you envisaged (or already done) to achieve the foreseen impacts of the service?

- Usage of products post-service
- Creation of a National Research and Innovation Funding Agency (FONDRESI);
- Building a Sub-Regional City of Sciences;

- Other initiatives

Validation of the national law on the orientation of scientific and technical research



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