



R&I are on the rise

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At the onset of 2022, I would like to share with you some striking figures about the progress made in Research and Innovation (R&I) at global level which were published in the latest UNESCO Science Report 2021 'The race against time for smarter development'. Among them, it is important to highlight the increases in global research spending (+19.2% between 2014 and 2018) and scientific publications (+ 21% between 2015 and 2019), and the fastest pace of growth in researchers coming from low-income countries (+36%) ever measured.

This is very good news as R&I are key levers for sustainable development. But, much progress still needs to be made as 80% of countries spend less than 1% of their GDP on R&D and researchers from low-income countries represent only 0.2% of the total researchers worldwide, knowing that the G20 countries represent 9/10th of researchers, research spending and scientific publications.

Despite the efforts made, there is still a gap in this area between the Northern and Southern countries.



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2022

*Let's make Research
and Innovation a lever
for transforming our
world towards greater
resilience,
sustainability and
inclusiveness!*

This is where the OACPS R&I Programme (2020 -2025) really comes into its own.

Implemented by the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and funded by the European Union (EU), this Programme aims to unlock the innovation potential for sustainable and inclusive development in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries.

Its main pillars are an Innovation Fund that fosters a conducive R&I environment; a Policy Support Facility that enhances the quality and efficiency of R&I policies, strategies and systems; as well as a Web Portal that facilitates access to R&I knowledge and an InnovationXplatform to transfer and cross-fertilise ideas among R&I actors.

The OACPS-EU partnership is thus committed to promoting knowledge societies in ACP countries to increase their capacity to assimilate and master new technologies.

I invite you to discover more about the OACPS R&I Programme in this first issue of our newsletter.



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