

POLICY SUPPORT FACILITY

Reform Implementation Support
Development of a digital repository and a STI programme in Timor Leste



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OBJECTIVES

The Government of Timor Leste, through the Instituto Nacional de Ciências e Tecnologia (INCT), has requested the support of the OACPS Secretariat towards enhancing its national research and innovation system. As such, the PSF service will provide a basis for the creation of a national digital repository and for the setting up of a specific STI programme.

FOCUS AREAS

Strengthening the cooperation between key actors (government, higher education institutes (HEIs), industry and civil society) is critical for the development of the Research and Innovation system in Timor-Leste.

A priority in this context is the development of a **national digital repository** providing reliable and sustained open access to the results of research conducted by national and international researchers, acting as scientific references and input for the formulation of government policies.

The service will also provide a basis for the setting up of a specific **Science, Technology and Innovation programme** which aims to enhance the cooperation between research, public sector, industry, HEIs, and civil society/grassroots organisations (working on reducing the gender gap in STEM and the inclusion of indigenous knowledge and youth).

The PSF service is in line with the National Strategic Development Plan (2011-2030) and will contribute to achieve the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals and the SAMOA Pathway.

It will be carried out by an international panel of experts who will actively collaborate with the national team of Timor Leste and the PSF team.

OUTPUTS

A comprehensive report including the two feasibility studies on the creation of:

- A **digital repository**, including key operational aspects (deposit, storage, access, copyrights and intellectual property issues, etc.) as well as a detailed description of other digital open access repositories operating in other countries and policy recommendations on an open science policy;
- A **STI programme**, comprising appropriate measures and schemes for an enhanced cooperation between R&I actors and follow-up recommendations.

