



POLICY SUPPORT FACILITY

Reform Implementation Support
Towards the development of a regional Research and Innovation strategy for
the Indian Ocean Commission



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OBJECTIVES

Provide technical support to the the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) towards the development of a regional Research and Innovation strategy aligned with the needs and challenges specific to the region and IOC member states.

FOCUS AREAS

Faced with the complexity of the effects of climate change in the Indian Ocean region, the IOC identified R&I as a key enabler to transforming the region into a pool of expertise on all island subjects, while responding to societal and contemporary challenges of the island states of the Indian Ocean and Africa. The regional R&I strategy will address common concerns related to climate, oceans, and digital challenges while also considering the diverse R&I ecosystems of IOC member states. For the Indian Ocean region, two major axes are identified: ocean and climate, with a cross-cutting emphasis on the digital challenge.

The PSF service will make recommendations to make sure the regional R&I strategy also aim at, among others:

- nurturing a conducive innovation ecosystem within the region;
- transforming the region into a hub of expertise on various island issues, the strategy will address the societal and contemporary challenges faced by Indian Ocean and African island states;
- fostering partnerships and contractual relationships with the business sector. This will serve to amplify and capitalize on research and development outcomes within the region;
- facilitating mobility between academia and the business realm as a catalyst for development;
- guiding the national R&I agendas of the IOC Member State
- contributing to achieve the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals as the objectives of the STISA 2024 and of the Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want

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

OUTPUTS

A comprehensive Policy Recommendation Report (PRR), offering clear and well-substantiated policy-oriented recommendations covering all facets of the regional Research and Innovation strategy. The report will also outline the operationalisation of the R&I strategy through tangible, evidence-based interventions and activities. Additionally, it will include a succinct assessment of the R&I ecosystem in the region.

