



POLICY SUPPORT FACILITY

Reform Implementation Support

Towards guidelines for enhancing technology transfer/commercialisation and coordination of Innovation hubs in Kenya



Result Factsheet



OBJECTIVES

The objective of the PSF service was to assist the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) in developing guidelines for enhancing the commercialization of R&D outputs and improving the cooperation and management of Innovation Hubs.



METHODOLOGY

- **Planning phase:** a desktop review of relevant national and regional R&I documents to get key insights in the R&I system, its needs, challenges and recent developments.
- **Field phase:** information collection from a wide range of stakeholders (interviews and workshops).
- **Closing phase:** presentation of main recommendations during a validation event to foster ownership and trust from a broad set of stakeholders.



OUTPUTS

Two reports were published:



MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS

- Enhance technology transfer and commercialization to maximize returns on R&D investments, via strengthening public-private partnerships and raising awareness among researchers about IP and commercialization;
- Promote commercialization at the national, institutional, and researcher levels;
- Establishment of national policy and institutional framework for Technology Transfer and Commercialization, along with training and education initiatives;
- Incentivize the registration of new innovation hubs and business start-ups, establish standardized services and support mechanisms, and implement performance indicators to assess their impact



NEXT STEPS

Different activities have already been led by KeNIA to operationalise the recommendations.

An institutional commercialization support programme was established to strengthen commercialisation of research outputs (with five institutions supported and other nine to come).

Technology transfer offices established, and technical officers appointed to facilitate its implementation.

A comprehensive database of incubation hubs will be established in 2024.



DURATION

April-December 2022



TEAM

4 international experts  
16 national representatives from 9 different institutions



STAKEHOLDERS

60 representatives of over 30 institutions



KEYWORDS

Commercialisation, R&D, start-ups, inclusiveness, Innovation hubs, technology transfer, Intellectual property



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