



UGANDA'S STI POLICY STRUCTURE

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INTRODUCTION

About the UNCST

- ❑ Established in 1990 by an Act of Parliament
- ❑ Semi autonomous Government agency under MFPED
- ❑ The mandate of the UNCST is to advise, develop, implement policies and strategies for integrating Science, Technology in the National Development Process.

STI POLICY ENVIRONMENT

- ❑ National STI Policy
- ❑ National Biotechnology and Biosafety Policy, 2008
- ❑ Information Communication Technology Policy, 2003

Other Sector Policies such as

- ❑ National Oil and Gas Policy
- ❑ National Health Policy, 2001/02
- ❑ National Environmental Management Policy, 1995
- ❑ National Agricultural Research Policy, 2004
- ❑ National Forestry Policy, 2001
- ❑ National Industrialization Policy
- ❑ Science Education Policy, 2005
- ❑ National Water Policy

STI POLICY

- ❖ **STI Policy still awaiting cabinet approval**
- ❖ **Policy has Undergone Several Reviews (2001 and 2006)**
- ❖ **Policy sets targets and defines requirements for a fully operational national science, technology and innovation system**

STI POLICY CONT.....

❖ Policy seeks to build Uganda's STI capacity in various aspects, especially

- ✓ Technology generation,
- ✓ Transfer and application;
- ✓ Nurture STI as a productive sector;
- ✓ Improve productivity in all economic sectors; and

STI POLICY.....

- ✓ **Human Resource Capacity**
- ✓ **STI Infrastructure**
- ✓ **Provide Incentives for Investment**
- ✓ **Facilitate implementation of Uganda's regional and international obligations.**

S&T REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

- ❑ Scientific and Ethical Review System (R&D Registration and Clearance)
- ❑ Biosafety Framework
- ❑ Intellectual Property Management
- ❑ Framework for Access and Transfer of Genetic Resources

STI MANAGEMENT

- ❖ **Uganda's STI system is managed through a constellation of macro and sectoral policies whose major focus is on non-STI specific indices of development**
- ❖ **Overlapping mandates of STI governing bodies complicate coordination of the system i.e.**
 - ✓ **I.P management (UNCST or URSB)**
 - ✓ **Research Clearance (NDA, UNCST, NFA, NARO, etc)**

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