



SCIENCE – POLICY INTERFACE EXPERT GROUP MEETING

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TOPIC:

**STRENGTHENING THE INTERFACE BETWEEN
SCIENCE AND POLICY COMMUNITIES**

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INTRODUCTION;

- Science – Policy Interface are Social processes which encompasses relations between Scientists and other actors in the policy process.
 - It allows for exchanges, co–evaluations and joint construction of knowledge leading to evidence based decision making.



RELEVANCE OF THE INTERFACE:

- Scientific outputs are means to an end
- Useful and effective to the extent of being channeled through evidence based policies and;
- Being implemented properly.



QUOTE

- Ghana's first president , Dr. Kwame Nkrumah once said of this interface:

*“We believe not only in pure research as a legitimate endeavor, but we also attach great importance to applied research. Modern science has taught us enough, and has already given us enough, to be able to tackle our agricultural, industrial and economic problems.**Only the mastery and unremitting application of science and technology can guarantee human welfare and human happiness.**”*





FACTORS MILITATING AGAINST EFFECTIVE SCIENCE – POLICY INTERFACE





- **CAPACITY ISSUE**
- **INADEQUATE COMMUNICATION**
- **POLITICIZATION**
- **TIMESCALE**





STRENGTHENING THE SCIENCE-POLICY INTERFACE ‘EFFECTIVENESS COLLABORATION FROM START TO FINISH’

- **CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT**
- **COMMUNICATION FROM START TO FINISH**
- **DE-POLITICIZATION**
- **ON TIME DELIVERY AT ALL LEVELS**





CONCLUSION

Nations need to progress, and a critical way out is to implement Evidenced-Based Policies.

This calls for;

- **Science Community pursuing both Innovative Strategic Researchers that will fit into the broader Government Agenda.**
- **De-politicizing Science Communities so their outputs will universal, acceptable and also stand the test of time**





CONCLUSION

- Adequate Capacity provided at relevant levels for both community





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