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TCC TRAINS NACOSTI STAFF IN PROPOSAL WRITING AND GRANTS MANAGEMENT

Training Centre in Communication (TCC), recently concluded training the National Commission of Science Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI) senior staff, in Proposal Writing and Grants Management .

TCC has an existing Memorandum of Understanding which focuses on building research capacity with NACOSTI and training is one of the activities included within the capacity building initiative . In 2013, NACOSTI invited TCC as an in kind sponsor for their Science Week Conference.

About TCC

TCC is a not-for-profit organization set up in 2006 and is in partnership with the University of Nairobi and is the first African-based Training Centre to teach effective communication skills to scientists in Africa. TCC has its headquarters at the University of Nairobi, Gecaga Institute, Chiromo Campus, and Nairobi, Kenya.

The centre's mission is to contribute to the increase in profile, locally, and internationally, of African science, and its impact on the life of Africans, by improving skills in technical communication in all forms, at academia and other relevant forums, in African countries. To date TCC has trained over 1500 research scientists in Sub Sahara Africa in Scientific and Science Communication.

TCC has also partnered with Kenyatta University, Kenya, in training scientists in communication and publishing. TCC has opened a satellite office in Nigeria in partnership with Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria (OAU), through the

Directorate of Linkages and Sponsored Research. The new office trains research scientists and postgraduate students from the Western Africa sub Saharan region. TCC has also opened an office in South Africa in partnership with The Innovation Hub.





About NACOSTI

The objective of the Commission is to regulate and assure quality in the science, technology and innovation sector and advise the Government in matters related thereto.

Mission

To effectively co-ordinate, research, promote and provide evidence based policy advice on matters of Science, Technology and Innovation in Kenya for national social-economic development.

Functions

According to the Section 6(1) of the Science, Technology and Innovation Act 2013, the functions of the Commission include some of the following:

- develop, in consultation with stakeholders, the priorities in scientific, technological and innovation activities in Kenya in relation to the economic and social policies of the Government, and the country's international commitments;
- lead inter-agency efforts to implement sound policies and budgets, working in collaboration with the county governments, and organisations involved in science and technology and innovation within Kenya and outside Kenya;
- advise the national and county governments on the science, technology and innovation policy, including general planning and assessment of the necessary financial resources;
- liaise with the National Innovation Agency and the National Research Fund to ensure funding and implementation of prioritized research programmes;
- ensure co-ordination and co-operation between the various agencies involved in science, technology and innovation;
- accredit research institutes and approve all Scientific research in Kenya;
- assure relevance and quality of science, technology and innovation programmes in research institutes;



- advise on science education and innovation at both basic and advanced levels;
- promote increased awareness, knowledge and information of research system;

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