

EU – ENRICH PROJECT

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Background

ENRICH - Enhancing Energy Accessibility & Efficiency through establishing sustainable STI Support National Networks with a regional dimension in East Africa,

Rationale: concern over energy deficit & poverty, price volatility and energy security in Eastern Africa.

- ❑ Restricted access to energy resources hampers sustainable development in EA.
- ❑ Research institutes & academia support inadequate to address this “energy emergency”
- ❑ various countries at the policy level stress importance of energy access and quality research and innovations, but policies, political decisions and societal needs are mismatched.



Objectives

Overall objective

- ❑ Strengthen Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) co-operation in East Africa (EA) by promoting operational and effective management of research and innovation activities with a special focus on energy access and efficiency.

Specific Objectives

- ❑ To promote a STI support culture within 3 EA countries by improving the quality of STI support services and its co-ordination with relevant stakeholders.
- ❑ To create 3 STI support national networks with a specific focus on energy access and efficiency.



Expected outputs

- ❑ Identified strengths and weaknesses of STI activities in the 3 EA countries through the comparative analysis & a study visit
- ❑ A regional portal with a database of experts will be established.
- ❑ Managers and researchers trained in crucial aspects of innovation management (training will be replicated through national support networks.
- ❑ Collaboration and dialogue with policy makers at national (round tables) and regional (supranational conferences) level.



Expected outcomes

- ❑ Regional co-operation in the energy and environment sectors in East African countries will be enhanced by as a result of the national support networks for STI.
- ❑ Portal and networks will foster regional dialogue among academia, researchers, industries and policy makers.
- ❑ Flow of communication between the policy and operation levels will improve.
- ❑ The quality of STI support and staff skills of participating institutions will improve as a result of targeted trainings and national workshops.
- ❑ Increased dialogue with policy makers & enhanced Network visibility
- ❑ Enhanced public awareness of stakeholder roles/products etc.



Project Duration: 3 years

Partners

- ❑ **Local coordinators:** Makerere University, UNCST
- ❑ **Others:** African Virtual University, Directorate of Research & Development (Kenya), Inter-University Council for EA, Moi University, Mzumbe University (Tanzania), Glasgow Caledonian University (Scotland) and Tanzania Commission for S&T

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