



National Commission on Research Science and Technology



ABOUT THE NCRST

The Namibian Government has long recognized the importance of Research, Science and Technology as an engine of economic growth and development, hence the enactment of the Research Science and Technology Act, 2004 (Act no 23 of 2004). The National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) is established in terms of section 4 of the Research Science and Technology Act, and is a State Owned Enterprise that reports administratively to the Ministry of Education. As the country's national agency on research and development, the NCRST is responsible for the co-ordination, monitoring and supervision of research, science and technology in Namibia.

MISSION

Establish a national system that promotes, develops, coordinates and informs Research, Science, Technology and Innovation towards a knowledge-based society.

VISION

To achieve two percent of Gross Domestic Product invested in Research and Development in Namibia by 2018, to meaningfully support Vision 2030.



DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

Through the Innovation and Technology Development Department the National Research, Science, Technology and Innovation (RSTI) Valley will be established, which will consist of: the National Innovation Hub; National Genetically Modified Organism Testing, Training and Research Facility; and the National Science Demonstration Centre.

Other services include the administration of Biosafety Act; establishing biotechnology testing and research facilities; facilitating innovation and industrial research; and strengthening natural science research.



OBJECTIVES

- To ensure the co-ordination, monitoring and supervision of research, science and technology in Namibia;
- To promote and develop research, science and technology in Namibia;
- To promote common ground in research, scientific and technological thinking across all disciplines, including the physical, mathematical, and life sciences, as well as human, social and economic sciences;
- To encourage and promote innovative and independent thinking and the optimum development of intellectual capacity of people in research, science and technology;
- To ensure dedicated, prioritised and systematic funding for research, science and technology application and development in Namibia;
- To promote linkages between Namibia and international institutions and bodies on the development of research, science and technology.

DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION COORDINATION AND SUPPORT

This department aims to devise appropriate interventions to improve on the RSTI enabling framework in the policy areas, human resources and institutional framework, as essential tools for addressing needs in the basic enablers and economic priority set out in the National Development Plan 4. Services include developing the National Research, Science, Technology and Innovation Programme; facilitating the establishment of councils related to research, science and technology; resource mobilization and grant management; science promotion; establishment of the Research, Science, Technology and Innovation Fund; and capacity building.

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