



THE 2nd COMPETITIVE CALL FOR PROPOSALS FROM KENYAN WOMEN SCIENTISTS/RESEARCHERS

Background

National Council for Science and Technology (NCST) is a statutory institution of the Government of Kenya established by the Science and Technology Act. Cap. 250 of the Laws of Kenya. NCST is mandated to advise the Government on policies and matters relating to the scientific and technological activities and research required for socio-economic development. One of the main functions of the NCST is to promote and coordinate scientific and technological research needed to accelerate national development, in line the Kenya Vision 2030 that recognizes Science Technology and Innovation (ST&I) as a key foundation whose integration can raise productivity and efficiency across all sectors of the economy.

NCST invites **Multidisciplinary** research teams of **Kenyan women scientists** from public and private institutions to submit **PROPOSALS** for funding under the Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I) Grant. Areas of Natural Sciences, Health, Engineering and Technology will be given a priority. The Grant is targeted to harnessing the participation of Kenyan women scientists and researchers in providing research-based solutions in support of a knowledge-based economy. NCST is fully committed to mainstreaming gender in science and technology policies and programmes in Kenya in efforts to promote the empowerment, equal and full participation of women in all scientific, technological and innovation activities. **The proposed research work must be conducted in Kenya.**

Objectives of the Call

- i) Promote collaborative solution based scientific research.
- ii) Generate tangible products and services to increase the Country competitiveness.
- iii) Creating opportunities for new technologies generation, transfer and adoption.
- iv) Increasing application of research findings and innovations for employment creation.
- v) Engendering ST&I in Kenyan economy.

Proposal Format

The **Proposal** to be submitted should not exceed twenty (20) pages in (aerial font size 12, single spacing). It must contain the following sections:- (i) Title of the Project; (ii) Summary (iii) Background information; (iv) Problem Statement; (v) Justification (vi) Up-to-date scholarly knowledge (vii) Objective(s); (viii) Methodology; (ix) Expected Outputs (x) Itemized budget; (x) tentative project duration (xi) Clear roles of each collaborator; (xii) M&E Logframe.

Each application must be accompanied by a letter of endorsement by Head of Institution; brief CV of each research team member and copies of their National Identity cards.

Budget and Project duration

The successful applications will be funded up to a maximum of **Kenya Shillings Three Million (Ksh. 3,000,000)** for a period not exceeding **two years**.

Proposals Submission Deadline

The **PROPOSALS** in both hard and soft copies should be submitted to the address below or delivered to **Utalii House, 8th floor Room 822** not later than **17:00 hrs Friday 25th February, 2011**. Applications made after the deadline will not be considered. The successful applicants will be notified and the list posted on our website by **31st March, 2011**. If you do not hear from us by **31st March, 2011** consider your application not successful.

Recipients of previous ST&I Grants with ongoing projects are not eligible for this Call. The NCST ST&I Grants funded projects are available on the Websites. Proposals that are funded from other sources should not be submitted. The specific proposal application form and guidelines are available at www.ncst.go.ke and www.scienceandtechnology.go.ke.

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