

## THE 2<sup>nd</sup> CALL FOR INNOVATIONS

### 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. One of the main functions of the NCST is to promote and coordinate matters of Science, Technology and Innovations in the Country.

Do you have a novel idea that can lead to solving challenges facing the society? NCST invites potential **Kenyan Innovators** to submit proposals for possible funding under the Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I) Grant. Part of this Grant is aimed to support innovations in the country. This call is intended to support Innovators develop their **prototypes**. NCST may assist in linking the successfully developed prototypes with venture capitals for commercialization. Innovations are today the most important driver of economic growth. NCST recognizes that harnessing this potential in line with national policies will be critical in increasing the role of technological innovations in addressing the country competitiveness. Kenya Vision 2030 and the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy and Strategy recognize ST&I as a key foundation whose integration can raise productivity and efficiency across all sectors of the economy.

### Application Format

The application should not exceed ten (10) pages (aerial font size 12, single spacing). It must have the following sections:- (i) Title of the innovation; (ii) Description of the methodology/design; (iii) Itemized budget; (iv) Work plan. Each application must contain a duly filled application form, brief CV of the innovator and copy of Identity card. Applicants are encouraged to obtain patent of their innovations and a copy of the same attached. The specific application form can be downloaded from NCST Website: [www.ncst.go.ke](http://www.ncst.go.ke) or [www.scienceandtechnology.go.ke](http://www.scienceandtechnology.go.ke).

### Budget and Project duration

The successful applications will be funded up to a maximum of **Kenya Shillings One Million (Ksh. 1,000,000)** for a period of **One year**.

### Submission Deadline

The application in soft or hard copy should be submitted to the address below or delivered to **Utalii House, 8<sup>th</sup> floor Room 822** not later than **17:00 hrs Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011**. If you do not hear from us by **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011** consider your application not successful.

***Recipients of previous Innovation Grants with ongoing projects are not eligible for this Call. All those innovators and inventors who have shown interest on NCST Innovation Grant are highly encouraged to apply.***

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