

# IDEAS

## Informed Decision-making Engagement in Africa States

We propose addressing the...

1. Lack of policy-savvy scientists,
2. Limited science-informed policy and
3. Limited platforms for collaboration and knowledge sharing

...by creating an African-wide science-policy **knowledge hub** and **fellowship programme**.

- To be able to tackle global development and nexus issues effectively
- Tackling global development and nexus issues effectively needs us to work across sectors, country boundaries and generations
- To promote and adapt best practices.
- To foster an inclusive policy-making process

Why is this important?

Why address this policy issue now??

We all have a global responsibility for SDGs – this is not something that can be delayed

There is increasing demand for transparency and accountability in decisions making

Need for new innovative solutions through inclusion of young researchers

Complexity of the challenges and limited resources is only getting bigger

- Data and assessments on: policy-savvy scientists, policy-informed science, resources available and willingness of institutions and governments to participate
- Current availability, accessibility and opportunities for platforms for knowledge sharing and collaboration, engagement of young scientists
- Mapping of best practices/lessons learned from pilots/ongoing activities
- “Opportunity cost” of inaction

Evidence to the rescue



What is the evidence needed

Outcome

effective platforms sharing Limited innovative solutions africa Need new Increased policy SDGs making decisions accountability transparency inclusion limited Global resources

