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The Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) and the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)

cordially invites you to the

INNOVATION FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT (IID) SEMINAR SERIES

on

“The Uptake of Science, Technology and Innovation by Sector Departments”

Date: 20 July 2022
Time: 09:00 to 13:00 (SA Time)
Platform: ZOOM Webinar
Registration: Please click [here](#) to register (You will receive a meeting link immediately after registration)
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BACKGROUND

Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) is an important construct in South Africa's policy discourse as illustrated in key national planning frameworks, such as the National Development Plan (NDP) and the 2019 White Paper on Science, Technology and Innovation. The White Paper focuses on the use of STI to accelerate inclusive socio-economic growth, transformation and to respond to the global technological advancement, such as 4th industrial revolution (4IR). Furthermore, the White Paper seeks to ensure that all departments working in areas that affect STI are open to innovation uptake and that there is policy coherence across the national innovation system (NSI). The Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) is committed to ensuring that STI is integrated into the planning of relevant government departments and STI programmes.

The Innovation for Inclusive Development (IID) seminar series is one of the instruments designed to inform and influence the uptake of demonstrated innovation and technologies by other sector departments. The DSI has undertaken twelve (12) IID seminars thus far in partnership with the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) since inception in 2018, however, the integration of these technologies by various government departments in their policies and programmes is unknown. It is on this basis that the DSI and ASSAf commissioned Quantitative Evidence Research to conduct a policy research study to ascertain whether departments are responsive to STI and open to innovation uptake.

The objective of the event is to share the preliminary report and recommendations based on policy document analysis and a survey of twelve (12) sector Departments. It is envisaged that the event will create awareness to encourage sector Departments, both national and provincial, to adapt STIs in their policies and programmes and also to participate in the next phase of the study. National and Provincial Government departments, policy and decision-makers and the public are encouraged to participate in the webinar.

The IID seminar series is a project initiative of the DSI **Programme 5**, designed to provide a platform for open and collective thinking between the science policy and community of practice to generate evidence-based knowledge on Science and Technology (S&T) innovations to advance local economic development and also provide insights to support evidence-based policy and decision making to enhance service delivery.

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