



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

# MINISTRY OF SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

## NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PROGRAM (NRIP) FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

### BACKGROUND

The overarching development goal for Uganda under the third National Development Plan (NDP3) is to increase average household incomes and improve the quality of life of Ugandans.

The NDP3 will be delivered through eighteen programs whose successful implementation is key to achieving sustainable industrialization, employment and wealth creation in Uganda. Among the 18 programs is the Innovation, Technology Development and Transfer (ITDT) program where the Ministry of Science Technology and Innovation (MoSTI) is the lead implementing entity.

The key targets for the program are to increase Uganda's performance on the Global Innovation Index, increase government and private sector expenditure on Research and Development (R&D) and to increase the annual number of intellectual property (IP) rights registered.

The NDP3 provides five strategic objectives two (02) of which are key in achieving the outlined targets of the ITDT program. These two are (1) increasing value addition in key growth opportunities; and (2) enhancing productivity and social wellbeing of the population.

### CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES

The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation is implementing the National Research and Innovation Program (NRIP) in a drive to transform Uganda into a knowledge-based economy and to better deliver services. To do so, MoSTI invites expressions of interests from competent public, private and civil sector institutions using a Call for Concepts (CfC). The successful concepts will then be required to be developed into full proposals to be implemented over a period of up to 3 years; however, clear deliverables for the first year must be defined. Submitted concepts and full proposals will be handled and evaluated in accordance with procedures and guidelines laid out in the NRIP framework document.

### THEMES

In this call, the Ministry will consider for funding the concepts that are aligned to any of the below themes:

- 1) Innovations to add value to agricultural and non-agricultural raw materials and products for industrialization.
- 2) Innovations that promote multisectoral approaches for adopting renewable energy among off-grid communities.

- 3) Innovations that improve food safety and access to markets.
- 4) Innovations that promote water use efficiency in food and non-food production.
- 5) Innovations to reduce the high burden of disease and undernutrition.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Any Ugandan as well as Ugandan based scientists, technologists, innovators and researchers; including youths and women in both the formal and informal sectors are invited to submit their concepts to be considered for funding.

Eligible institutions will need to demonstrate the following to qualify for funding:

- (i) Be registered and located in Uganda.
- (ii) Have human resources and infrastructure and proven records of competence to address the themes under the call.
- (iii) Have credible systems for financial administration of NRIP funds.
- (iv) Should not be insolvent, in receivership, bankrupt or being wound up.
- (v) Should have fulfilled obligations to pay taxes and social security contributions.

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Electronic copies of concepts not exceeding 5 pages in single spacing New Times Romans Font 12 (including the following items/sections: project title, investigator details, abstract/summary, background, methodology/approach, proposed outputs/deliverables, references (if any) and itemized budget) should be addressed to the Permanent Secretary [ps@mosti.go.ug](mailto:ps@mosti.go.ug) and copied to the NRIP Secretariat [secretariat.nrip@mosti.go.ug](mailto:secretariat.nrip@mosti.go.ug).

Concepts should be submitted by close of business (SPM) **Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> 2021**. Interested applicants may obtain further information from the email contacts above, MoSTI website ([www.mosti.go.ug](http://www.mosti.go.ug)) and the physical address below.

### DISCLAIMER

MoSTI reserves the right to make any number of awards depending on the quality of submissions and availability of funding.

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