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Component Outcomes

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DRUSSA

Development Research Uptake
in Sub-Saharan Africa

Building Research Uptake Knowledge and Capacity

The Professional Development Component - Uganda



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The DRUSSA programme

Development Research Uptake in Sub-Saharan Africa (DRUSSA) is a five-year programme committed to improving research uptake and strengthening the capacity of 24 African universities in processes and systems to manage research uptake. The goal is to improve the accessibility and utilisation of locally relevant research evidence to inform sub-Saharan and global development policy and practice.

The programme adopts an approach that recognises and focuses on the potential value of engagement between the academic and research communities

with policy makers to optimise conditions for the dissemination, uptake and application of research evidence. Therefore, in addition to working with universities as suppliers of research, DRUSSA is also working towards strengthening the capacity of policy makers in Uganda in the use of research evidence.

The programme consists of three components: (i) **Policy symposia for senior officials on key policy issues** (ii) **Early Career Policy Fellowship Scheme**; and (iii) **Professional development course on handling science and evidence for senior policy advisors**. The main focus of this brief is on the professional development component for Uganda.



The Professional Development Component

This component entails building of capacity to use research evidence in policy making in Uganda through short, modular executive education courses, designed for senior and middle officials in ministries and other government agencies. The component aims at enabling technical staff within the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to improve their abilities to access, understand, commission, evaluate and use research evidence through professional learning.

Component Objectives

- Raise the level of discussion around research evidence at senior ministry levels.
- Build the capacity of senior and middle level civil servants to use research evidence at all levels of the policy formulation process
- Support senior civil servants to inculcate a culture of evidence-informed approaches to policy making and policy implementation.

- Improve policy impact on the achievement of development aspirations at the national, regional and global levels

Component Activities

The component activities over the period October 2013- October 2016 Include:

- Conducting of training needs assessment of staff in the various MDAs
- Development of course curricular and modules on contemporary theory and practice of public policy formulation, implementation and review
- Recruitment and induction of trainers
- Selection and enrolment of course participants from partner MDAs
- Coordination and conducting of training courses for selected MDA staff
- Mainstreaming and integration of the research evidence to policy component into the regular training programmes of the CSCU
- Facilitating the application of knowledge and skills acquired into routine public policy making

Implementation

The project is implemented by a consortium of three (3) institutions, namely;

- Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST),
- Makerere University; and
- Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC)

In addition, EPRC and UNCST have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Public Service to implement the training component of the programme through the Civil Service College Uganda (CSCU) based in Jinja.

Targeted Beneficiaries

The following three (3) ministries were selected for participation in the project:

Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD); and Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES)