

19TH CYCLE PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING GUIDELINES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/23

Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Mainstreaming

Investments in Research, Science, Technology and Innovation (RSTI) is indispensable for any country or institution that seeks to enhance national security and accelerate realization of inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development. The catastrophic impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic devastated the entire world and brought to the fore the immense and life-saving role of STI as a first responder in the global fight against the pandemic and future disasters, thus revealing the need to mainstream and integrate STI strategies in programmes, projects and service delivery systems in MDAs.

Kenya Vision 2030 & its Medium-Term Plans and the national priorities recognize the role of RSTI in increasing productivity, enhancing efficiency levels, accelerating economic development, as well as creating comparative advantage and competitiveness of the country. RSTI is also recognized as key in transforming the country from a factor-based to an innovation-led, knowledge-based economy.

Depending on the level of implementation, MDAs are required to **appoint or re-appoint STI focal person and champions and ensure that the same are trained.**

MDAs are required to undertake the following:

- a) Develop or implement the institutional STI mainstreaming strategy using the template provided on NACOSTI's website www.nacosti.go.ke (30%);
- b) Develop and implement annual work plan for institutional STI mainstreaming (50%);
and
- c) Submit quarterly and annual reports to NACOSTI using the STI mainstreaming reporting template provided on NACOSTI's website (20%).

Additional information to support MDAs in the implementation of this performance indicator including the reporting template and the list of eligible MDAs can be accessed from NACOSTI's website.