

# An African Manifesto for Science

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## African Science and Technology, For Africans, by Africans In Africa

The African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS) and SET-DEV partners are proud to announce the launch a process aimed at creating an African Manifesto for Science by Africans in Africa. This initiative aims to bring science closer to African societies, and to promote collective

responsibility towards science and technology through the democratization of science. It aims to meet the changing needs of the dynamic continent and challenge African people themselves to offer evidence based solutions through the socialisation of scientific and technological research (STR).





SET-DEV partners during a Steering Committee Workshop held in Nairobi, Kenya on 20th - 21st May, 2009



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The African manifesto will be constructed through a series of activities between 11 key partners in the SET DEV project, in Africa, India and Europe. The process is funded by the European Commission through the Framework 7 Programme and under the call for "International Dialogue: Capacity Building in Developing Countries".

The entire process will culminate in the drafting of two manifestos - an African and an Indian manifesto and generate discussions around each of their constituent elements and the relationship between science ethics and socialization of science.

Initially the manifesto was targeted specifically at two countries - India and Kenya, however a strong demand for an African Manifesto during the early stages of the project created a need for widening the scope to cover the whole of Africa. The three-year project began in March 2008 and will involve a series of activities between SET-DEV partners including study coordination, experimentation, and awareness raising initiatives to meet the following objectives:

- Strengthening the levels of information and awareness on critical scientific and technological issues by fostering a dialogue among scientists from Europe, India and Africa;

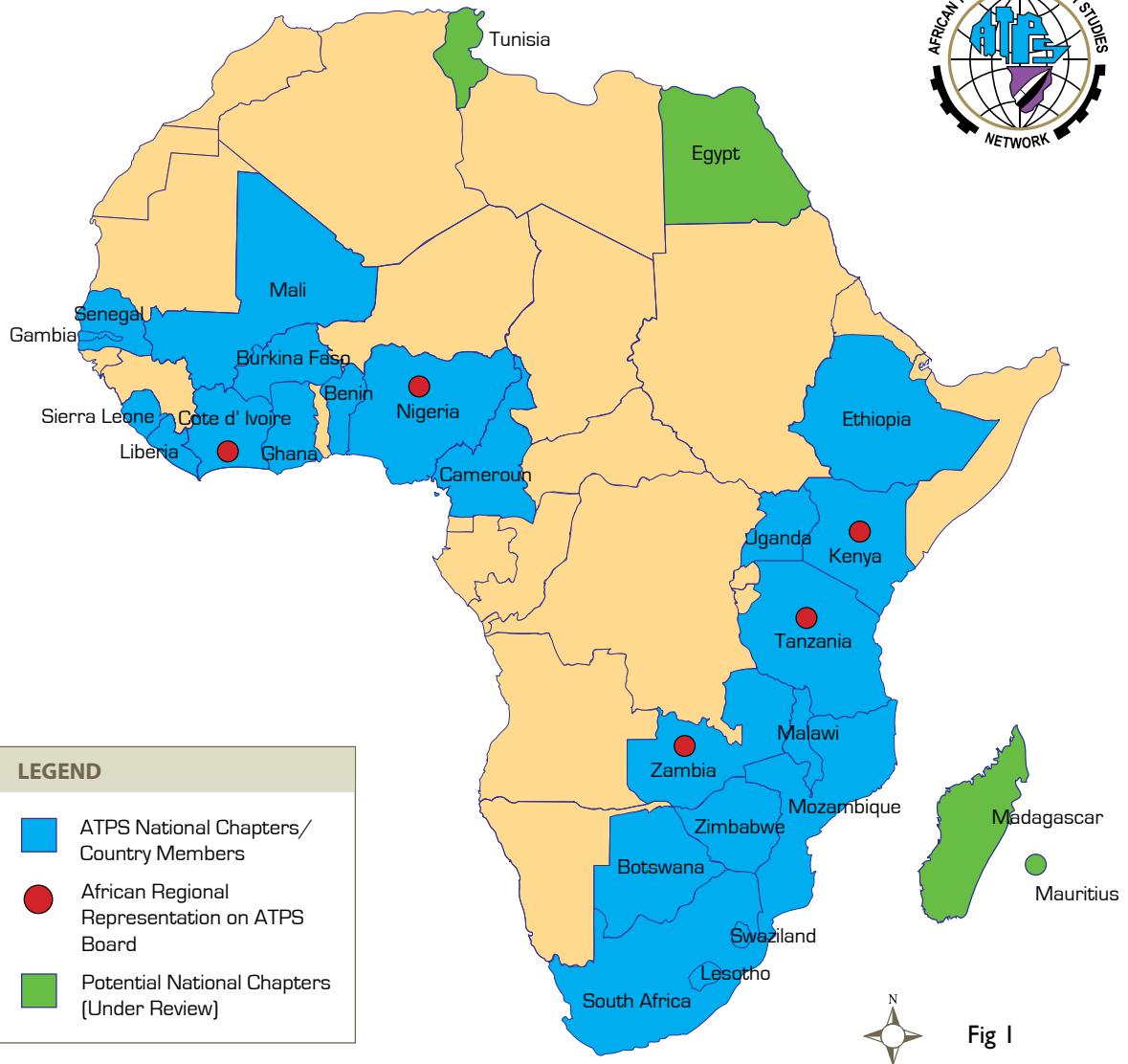
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- Activating processes of building institutional capacities and skills on science, ethics and socialisation of scientific and technological research, in the context of a more general assumption of responsibility over research processes (technological responsibility);
- Developing measures and guidelines which are sensitive to and compatible with local values and needs, and to the characteristics and the degree of development of local research systems;
- To define perspectives of socialisation of science and technology that take into consideration local needs and are in compliance with EU standards in ethics.



Participants at a socialization of science Technology and innovation workshop organized by the ATPS and partners in Mombasa, Kenya in July 2009

## About ATPS: Where We Work



## About the ATPS

The African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS) is a leading multi-disciplinary network of researchers, practitioners and policy makers that promotes science, technology and innovation (STI) policy research, dialogue and practice, for African Development. Its mission is to improve the quality of science, technology, and innovation research, policy and practice for sustainable development in Africa, by Africans and for Africans. The fundamental

strategic goal of the ATPS is to build Africa's STI capacity today for sustainable development tomorrow. With a Secretariat Headquarters in Nairobi, the ATPS works through national chapters in 23 countries of sub-Saharan Africa with a vision to cover the whole of the region by 2015 (see Figure 1). The regional secretariat and the national chapters provide ground facilities and platforms for STI capacity building at both regional and national levels.

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