

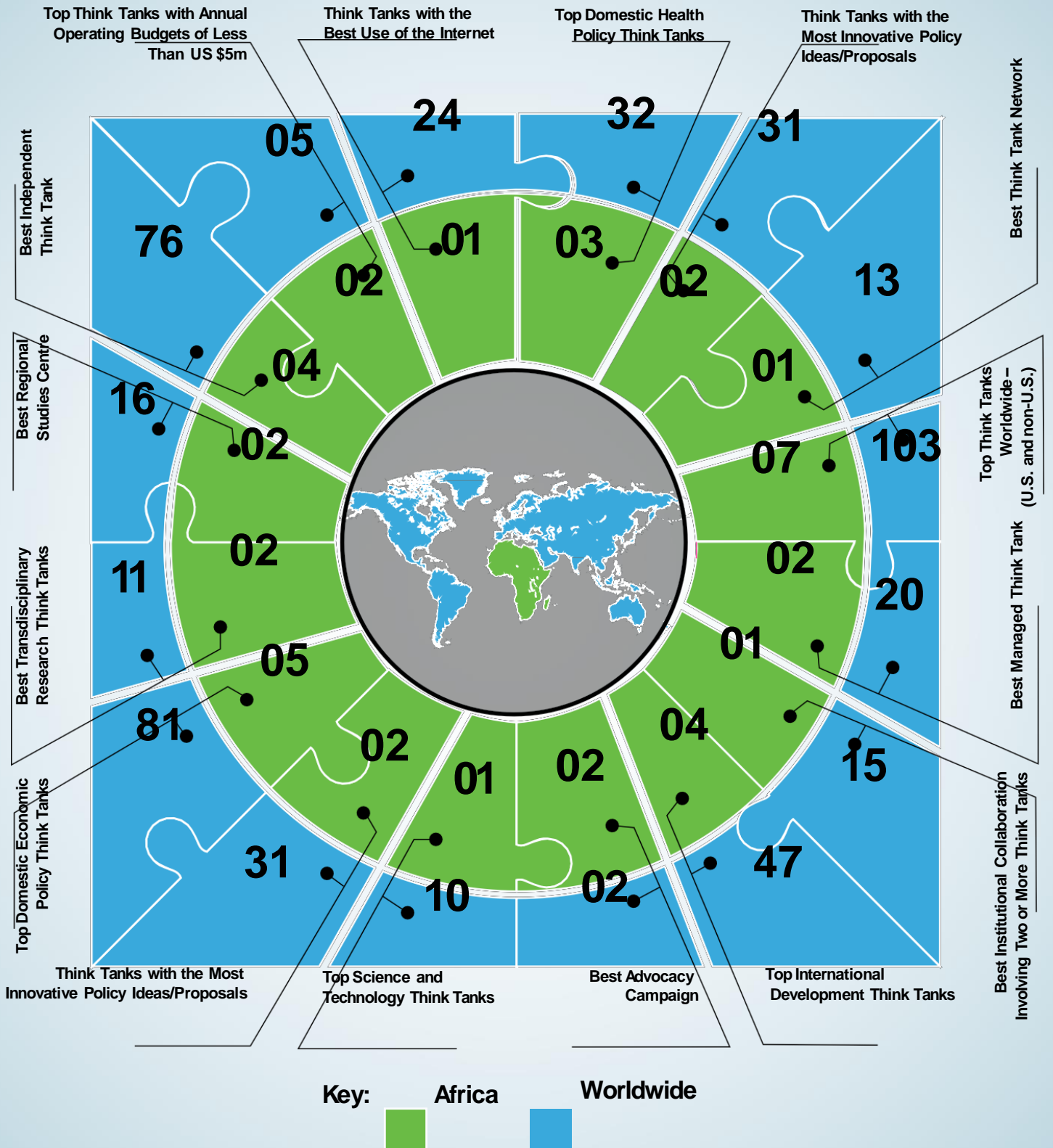
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ATPS Retains the 1st Top Science and Technology Policy Think Tank in Africa (10th globally) According to a 2020 Global Report

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The 2019 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report was officially released on 28 January 2020 marking 14 years of the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) that aims to acknowledge important contributions as well as emerging trends in think tanks worldwide. The report seeks to showcase the role played by think tanks in governments and civil societies with the sole aim of improving their capacity as well as performance. A total of **8,248** think tanks were catalogued and ranked in 2019 by expert panels comprising of members from diverse backgrounds and disciplines. The report shows that the African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS) has retained its top position as the **1st** Top Science and Technology Policy Think Tank in Africa and **10th** globally. According to the report, this category is dedicated to the leading science and technology institutions within the global community. The top think tanks in this category provide superior innovative research and strategic analyses on topics ranging from innovation and telecommunications to energy, climate, and life sciences. These think tanks excel in research, analysis, and public engagement on a wide range of policy issues with the aim of advancing debate, facilitating cooperation between relevant actors, maintaining public support and funding, and improving the overall quality of life in the relevant countries that they cover. ATPS ranked tops in **17** other categories assessed in this report (see figure 1).

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ATPS remains the premier science and technology policy research think tank in Africa with over three decades of impact oriented research policy on science, technology and innovation (STI) on the continent. We have facilitated the development and implementation of several STI policies in most African countries since the '80s. The ATPS has been leading a major impact-oriented project on Networking Africa's Science Granting Councils in 15 sub-Saharan African countries under the Science Granting Councils Initiative (SGCI) being funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the British Department for International Development (DFID), the National Research Foundation (NRF) South Africa, and most recently the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). The initiative aims to promote social and economic development in the region through research and innovation. More details about this Initiative are available online at: <https://atpsnet.org/projects/building-partnerships/>

The ATPS also ranked tops in many other categories that were used to assess Think Tanks across the world. Notable among these categories are: Best Managed Think Tank; Think Tank with the Most Innovative Policy Ideas/Proposals; Best Independent Think Tank; Best Trans disciplinary Research Think Tank; Best Advocacy Campaign Think Tank; Think Tank with the Best Use of the Internet; and Think Tank with the Best institutional collaboration involving two or more Think Tanks; Best Think Tank in Domestic Health Affairs among many others.

Details of the ranking can be found in the report at:

https://repository.upenn.edu/think_tanks/17?utm_source=repository.upenn.edu%2Fthink_tanks%2F17&utm_medium=PDF&utm_campaign=PDFCoverPages

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