High Level Multi- Sectoral National Open Science Dialogue for Academic and Research Institutes in Tanzania

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Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania- Higher Education stakeholders in Tanzania gathered for the National Open Science dialogue, which was held on 15th February 2023. This is the first of a series of national-level conversations on Open Science after the initial regional meeting with East African Science and Technology Commission (EASTECO) where it was made clear that national conversations on Open Science are imperative as the messaging will be included in the regional STI policy.

The objectives of this multi-sectoral meeting were:

- Recognize the challenges that exist in the implementation of open science
- Define the next steps for implementing Tanzania’s national open science initiative.

**Meet the speakers**

- Joy Owango - Executive Director, TCC Africa
- Dr. Sylvance Oth- Executive Secteraty, East African Science and Technology Commission (EASTECO)
- Dr. Sydney Msonde- Chairperson, Consortium of Tanzania University and Research Libraries (COTUL)
- Dr. Philbert Luhunga- Chief Research Officer at the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH)
- Roheena Anand- Executive Director for Global Publishing Development, PLOS
- Ana Persic- acting Chief of section for Science Policy and Partnerships at the Division of Science Policy and Capacity, UNESCO

**Recording of the session**
The following documents contain the resulting remarks from the participants on:

Challenges impeding the implementation of a National Open Science initiative-Tanzania National Dialogue

Actionable steps to implement Open Science Mandates Tanzania Dialogue

Statement of Intent

“We will continue to implement Open Science practices in Tanzania and we are willing to address the unforeseeable challenges that would arise from it.

It is in this spirit we as the representative of policy actors from the United Republic of Tanzania continue to support the implementation of Open Science with leadership from the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH)”

About the Organizers

East African Science and Technology Commission (EASTECO)

EASTECO was established as a semi-autonomous institution of the EAC by the 5th Extra-ordinary Summit of the EAC Heads of State held on 18th June 2007, in accordance with Chapter 16, Article 103 (a) of the Treaty on the Establishment of the East African Community, where the Partner States undertook to promote cooperation in the development of Science & Technology within the Community. For more information, visit https://easteco.org/

Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH)

The Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology is a parastatal organization affiliated with the government of Tanzania. It was created by an Act of the National Assembly of Tanzania in 1986 as a successor to the Tanzania National Scientific Research Council. For more information, visit https://costech.or.tz/

Consortium of Tanzania University and Research Libraries (COTUL)

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Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU)

The Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) is a body corporate established on 1st July 2005, under the Universities Act 2005 (Chapter 346 of the Laws of Tanzania) with mandate to recognize, approve, register and
accredit Universities operating in Tanzania, and local or foreign University level programs being offered by registered higher education institutions. It also coordinates the proper functioning of all university institutions in Tanzania so as to foster a harmonized higher education system in the country. For more information, visit https://www.tcu.go.tz/

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