



Southern Africa Innovation Support Programme inspires innovations

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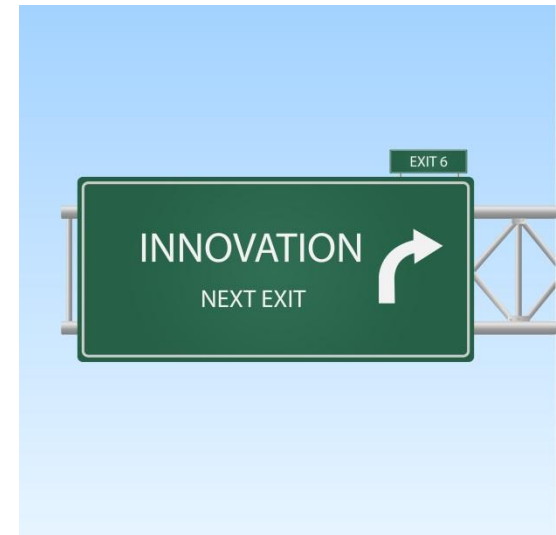
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SAIS value proposition

In participating countries a strengthened and well-functioning national innovation ecosystem will be in place in 2015

A systematic and sustainable regional innovation development platform and framework will be in place in 2015



Basic Facts

Project title	Southern Africa Innovation Support Programme, (SAIS)
Sector	Science and Technology, Innovation
Focus	Economic growth, poverty alleviation, local development
Programme Area	Botswana (BIH), Mozambique (MICTI), Namibia (NBIC), Zambia (NTBC) and South Africa as a knowledge partner, SADC
Duration	4/2011- 3/2015 (four years)
Project Financing	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland
Project Budget	6,15 MEUR
Programme	
Management Office	Windhoek, Namibia



Overall Objective and purpose

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

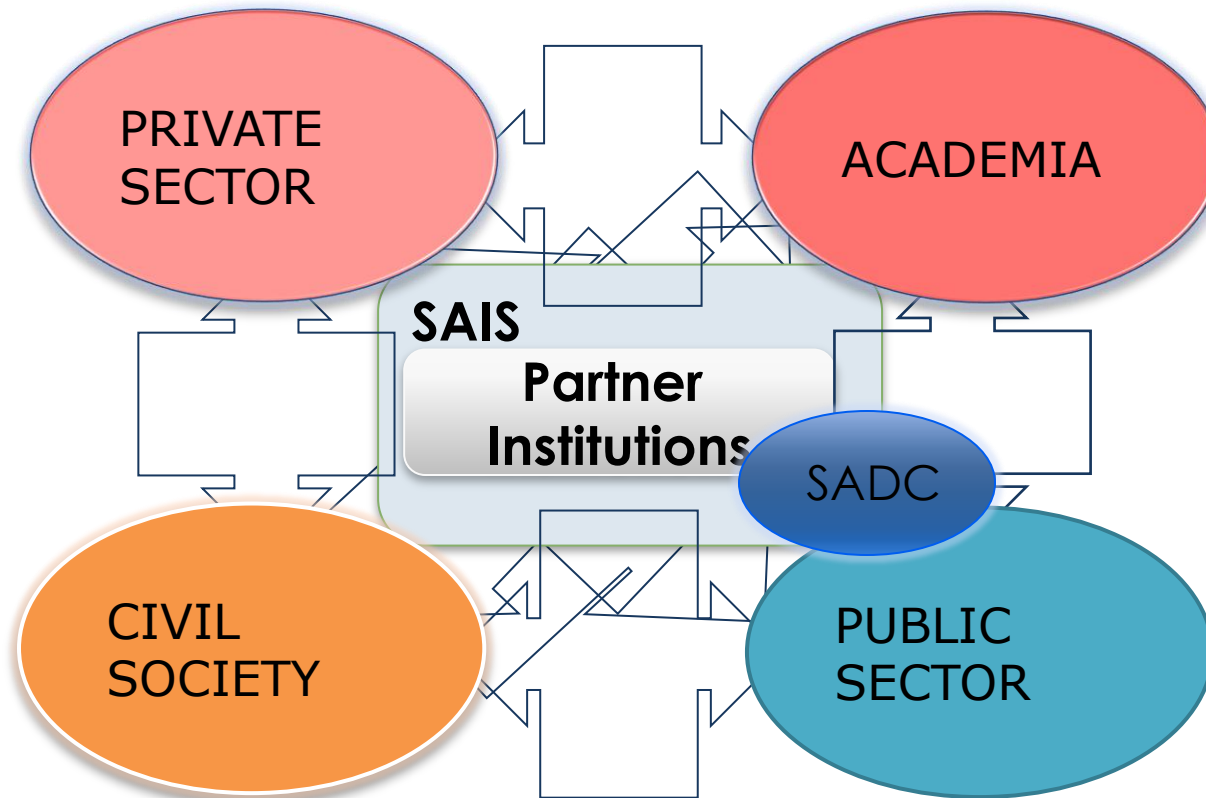
To build capacity and stimulate operational elements of the systems of innovations within and across the four pilot countries, so as to positively contribute to the drive for sustainable economic growth and reduction of poverty

PURPOSE

To bring together the elements of the systems of innovation in each participating country, and amongst them as a whole and does build platforms for implementing innovations



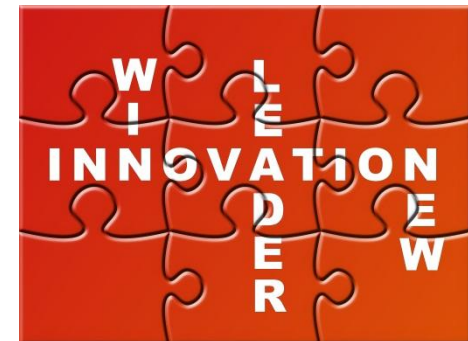
Multihelix Platform



Interplay and interconnections between different players in nurturing innovation ecosystem

4 Key Strategic Components

1. **NETWORKING:** establishing sustainable knowledge-sharing networks for innovation support and partnerships
2. **CAPACITY BUILDING:** strengthening and enhancing human capacity related to innovation at all levels
3. **LEARNING FROM BEST-PRACTICES:** adapting and replicating selected projects and initiatives that support practical outcomes
4. **INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** building operational elements of the systems of innovations on a national and regional level, supporting SADC in an implementation plan to engage the remaining countries of SADC in similar innovation system development programmes



SAIS 'offering'

- Personal and institutional **Contacts and Networks** on national, regional and cross-continental levels
- **Capacity building** activities and exercises
- Adapting **replicable initiatives**
- **'Seed Money'**; **Financing** for setting and ramping up joint projects

