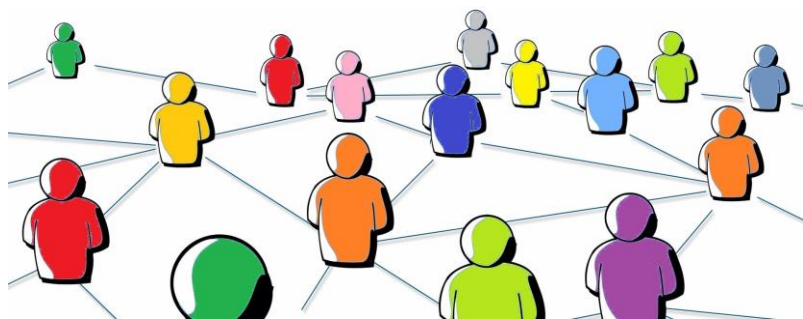


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cordially invite you to a webinar on

## Science Advice and Policy Advocacy: science academy contributions to science grounded policy in Africa

The webinar will be centered on the models of science advice and will provide practical examples from academies and recommend promising practices/opportunities for working at the interface between science and policy.



**Date:** 27 March 2025  
**Time:** 11:00 - 13:00 SAST  
**Format:** Webinar  
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Africa's current challenges are predominantly transboundary and exhibit global context. The application of science, technology and innovation (STI) provides an opportunity to solve these challenges through collective reviews and joint learning platforms. Academies of science in Africa have a mandate to contribute to the continent's socio-economic development by providing scientific, evidence-based advice and solutions to policymakers. By design, a national Academy of Science provides scientific advice to its government. Some academies extend this role by engaging in policy advocacy through their membership, creating a significant platform for influencing policy at the international level. This has been increasingly facilitated by the growing prominence of STI diplomacy. Scientific advice has many forms and differs according to context, the keywords are science and policy interface. Moreover, a gap exists between research findings and policy decisions. One key process for bridging this gap is "Policy advocacy" which involves negotiating and facilitating dialogue to ensure that influential networks, opinion leaders, and decision-makers take ownership of evidence-based ideas and proposals, ultimately leading to action. This webinar will also highlight the vital role of academies, researchers and civil society in policy advocacy.

In the wake of the SDGs and the challenges they aim to address, there is a growing need for effective engagement and partnerships between scientists, policymakers and diplomats through facilitated structured processes (AUDA-NEPAD). Science academies have explored various science-policy interfaces in practice, and this webinar provides an opportunity to showcase their contributions in key areas such as science advice, policy advocacy, and science diplomacy.

### Objectives

- To validate and showcase, through practical examples, the role played by academies in providing scientific advice
- To foster collaboration between science academies and governments to solve societal challenges
- To integrate the three main concepts of science advice, policy advocacy and science diplomacy as powerful platforms for utilisation by academies to contribute to policy landscape in Africa.

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