

SOUTH AFRICA



With the Transformative Innovation Policy Consortium, South Africa's Science, Technology and Innovation agencies are working towards a just and inclusive society through transforming national policy.



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# TRANSFORMATIVE INNOVATION POLICY IN SOUTH AFRICA

## KEY PARTNERS

The Department of Science & Technology and the National Research Foundation.

Following the end of apartheid in 1994, STI policy in South Africa has attempted to address the “triple challenge” of poverty, unemployment, and inequality. With a high R&D investment and world-class research institutions, South Africa has made some grounds in addressing the Sustainable Development Goals. More recently, a new focus on transformative grassroots innovation and sustainable development has begun to shape policy.

## THE PROJECT

The formulation of the 2017 White Paper for Science, Technology and Innovation provides an opportunity for exploration and experimentation through TIPC to ensure STI policies can become more inclusive.

## CASE-STUDY

Cofimbava Technology for Rural Education and Development (Tech4RED) and the DST are bringing high quality education to marginalised rural communities through the use of ICT. The programme is comprehensive, holistic, and child-centred while also incorporating families and wider communities.



“We have refreshed the high-level policy framework that guides investments and support for science, technology and innovation in South Africa. The White Paper is grounded on the need to rapidly accelerate inclusion and transformation in a rapidly changing world. This requires new thinking and policy experimentation. Following an intensive pilot year, TIPC commenced an exciting 5-year programme of work that will provide consortium partners with new analytical and evaluation frameworks, policy experimentation, and capacity-building.”

**Imraan Patel**, Deputy Director-General,  
Department of Science and Technology

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