WHY SHOULD AFRICA CARE ABOUT DOING RESEARCH?

AFRICA IS DEVELOPING FAST

53
emerging economies
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Africa's GDP is over \$1.7 trillion



300 with over million people

Between

2010 - 2014



social science publications from sub-Saharan Africa referenced in SCOPUS grew by

78%

BUT ARE AFRICANS GUIDING THIS DEVELOPMENT?

In 2012, the share of the world's research articles with at least one African author was only

1.3%

In 2015, only



of the world's think tanks were in Africa

GDN-supported studies from Cameroon and Cote d'Ivoire call for a complete revitalization of their research systems



REVITALIZING RESEARCH SYSTEMS HAS MANY BENEFITS

Development problems can be identified and solutions found



More people can become involved in their own development



Governments can use the Doing Research method to map their own research system, benchmark themselves against relevant countries, catalyze development action, and implement better policies



Sources: SCOPUS; Go To Think Tank Index; Fomba and Ahouré 2016, GDN-supported study



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