



Doing Research about Research

What Local Analysis of Research Systems can tell us about the State of Social Sciences in Developing Countries



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- Background
- Key Questions
 1. What are the main actors in the SSR system, and what roles do they play?
 2. What factors encourage or hinder them in the production of SSR?
 3. What are the structural barriers to producing quality SSR?
 4. What procedures or spaces are in place to facilitate engagement between the production and uptake of SSR?
 5. What could national institutions and donor organisations/international development partners do respectively to contribute to improving the research landscape?

DOING RESEARCH ASSESSMENT

NIGERIA

Population 2017 est.
Publication data (2005-2009)

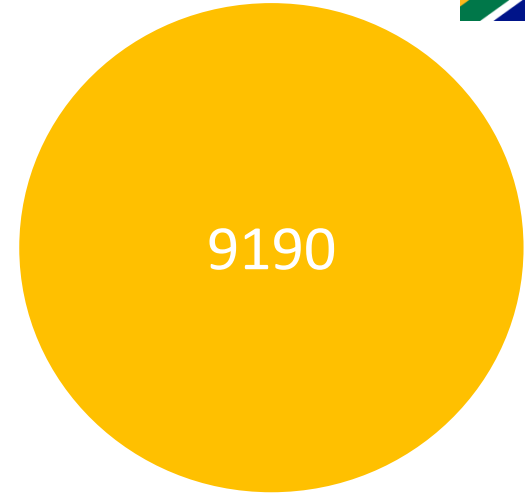
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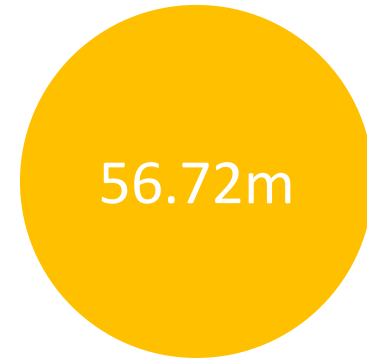
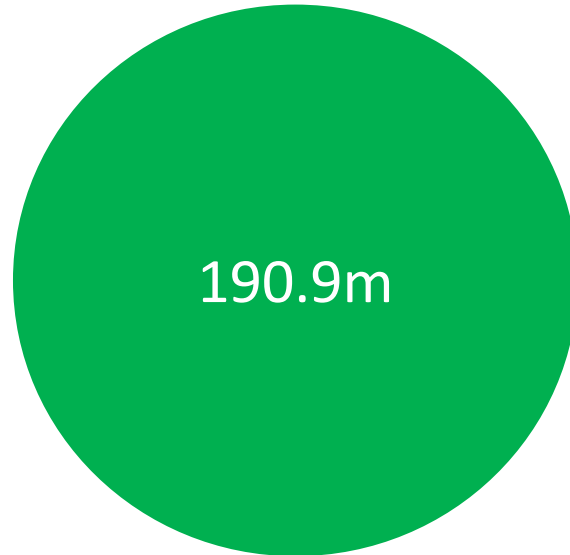
SOUTH AFRICA



NUMBER OF SOCIAL
SCIENCE PUBLICATIONS



POPULATION



Source: African Innovation Outlook (2010)

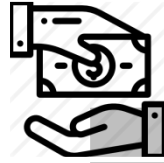
SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH SYSTEM

ACTORS AND RESPONSIBILITIES



1. HEIS

- Major producer of SSR
- Prominent in dissemination (research publications, conferences, inaugural lectures,...)



2. CSOs/ 3. Private Sector

- Gatekeepers between production and uptake
- Research dissemination and uptake
- Translators of SSR



4. GFAs

- Agenda setting
- Setting the scope of SSR
- Resource allocation

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH SYSTEM

ACTORS SAMPLE

Actor Category		Total	Sample
HEI		150	50
PS		65	15
CSO		1,515	20
GFAs	MDAs and Donors	33	33
	RIs	5	5
	Houses of Assembly	37	7
TOTAL			130

PRODUCTION OF SSR

IMPACT FACTORS

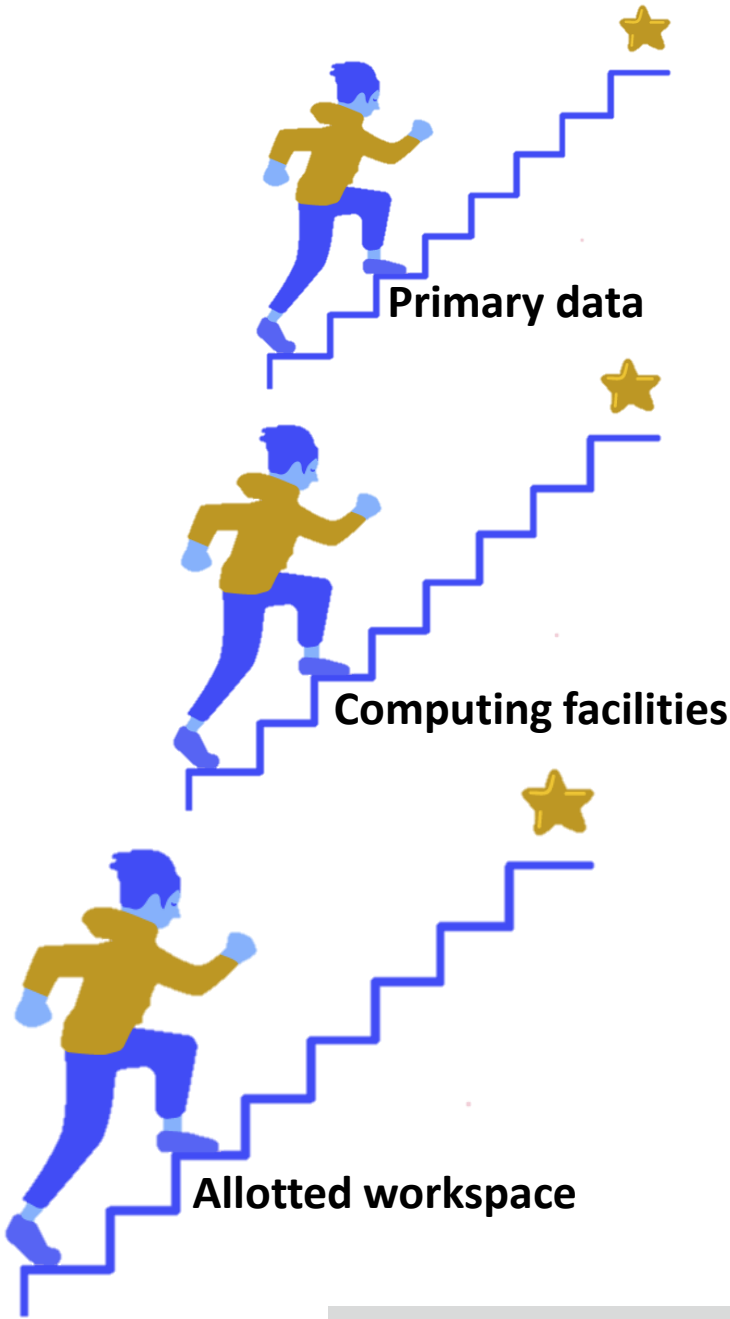
Data analysis software



Anti-plagiarism software



Electronic library/data access



QUALITY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

STRUCTURAL BARRIERS



Limited domestic funding



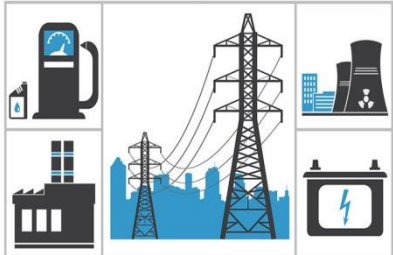
Poor system coordination



Poor demand for quality SSR



Publish or Perish syndrome



Poor infrastructure

ENGAGEMENT OF SSR KEYPLAYERS

PROCEDURES AND SPACES



- In addition to conventional outlets (articles, reports...)
 - MDAs supposed to produce and take up research
 - dedicated research institute to support the legislature at national level
 - new media to foster discussions
 - public hearings by state and national legislatures
 - private sector organizations (consultancies) connect research and uptake
- BUT
 - Discussions rarely translate to research uptake

COOPERATION OF SSR KEYPLAYERS

ACTIONS FOR SSR IMPROVEMENT

	GFA	HEI	CSO	PS
Create demand for high-quality research	✓	✓		
Support gathering, curating and disseminating secondary data	✓	✓	✓	✓
Connect research agenda to local development challenges and priorities	✓			
Increased local funding	✓			✓
Need for strong and coordinated regulatory frameworks	✓	✓		