GSC in Context

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NEPAD COUNCIL

NEPAD Council is a pledge by young African professionals to work towards the development of the continent within the NEPAD framework.

Main objectives of NEPAD Council:

1) Assist the Steering Committee and NEPAD Secretariat in the implementation of NEPAD’s global agenda.

2) Encourage the African Civil Society to initiate actions for a sustainable development within the NEPAD framework.

The Council is currently made up of over 80 members (volunteers) in the USA, Europe, Asia and Africa.
1 Education (*Prof. Fad Seydou, Finland*)

2 ICT, Science and Technology (*Dr. Dhliwayo, USA*)

3 Global Health (*Dr. Mohamed Ag Agoya, USA*)

4 Socio-Economic Development and Trade (*Prof. Louw, South Africa*)
STRUCTURE OF NEPAD COUNCIL

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NEPAD COUNCIL’S ACHIEVEMENTS AND ONGOING PROJECTS

1) Review of the 2003 Investment document produced by the SADB

2) Promote intra- and inter-regional trade and investment in Africa

3) Promoting impact-oriented research at African Universities
   \textit{(Rural Dev and Agriculture, 05 African Universities)}

4) Information Communication and Technology: ICT
   \textit{(ICT-Africa May 2005; ICT-Africa May 2006)}
GSC in Context:

Activities of NEPAD Council

Partnership University of Fort Hare - NEPAD Council

**NEPAD Council:**
- Promoting impact-driven research (and development) at African Universities.

**University of Fort Hare:**
- Malnutrition
- Empowering small-scale farmers
- Improving rural infrastructures and trade capacities for market access
Partnership University of Fort Hare  
NEPAD Council

Rural Enterprise Advancement Programme (REAP):

1) Develop new products and markets
2) Develop and test financially viable models
3) Measure progress through job creation and poverty alleviation.
Reduced Input Costs: Low-cost Vegetable Production

Animal traction, strategic irrigation, organic fertilizers

R60,000 net profit on 1.5 ha.
Niche Markets:
Organic/healthy Nguni Beef.
Establishment of the NEPAD Council Rural Enterprise Advancement Agency (REAA) at the University of Fort Hare

1. Scale up the REAP in Southern Africa
   New Products, Training, and Research

2. Reproduce this model of rural development in other parts of Africa
   Partnership with other African Universities
   Journals (www.ajabs.org/) and Professionals networks (INABSTA)

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GSC in Context:
My own Research

1. Parasitology
   Trypanosomiasis, Leishmaniasis

2. Virology
   Viral discovery and ecology

3. Structural and Functional Genomics
   Application and training

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