

SUSTAINABLE RESEARCH CULTURE THROUGH THE APPLAUDS OF SCIENTISTS IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH WITH NARRATIVES FROM SUB- SAHARAN AFRICA

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Resumo: Research has contributed immensely to the growth and development of most nations of the world. Its impact on economic advancement, nation building and global partnership cannot be overemphasized. Critical thinking and logical reasoning in devising possible solutions to lingering problems forms the bedrock of research. However, as valuable as the efforts put into this knowledge-driven enterprise, the scientist in the global south particularly of the sub-Saharan African descent had managed inconsequential recognition for efforts being made over the years. The study was aimed at understanding the perspectives of researchers in the agricultural sector on denied applause and the effect it has on research culture and output. A focus group discussion approach of 15 participants was adopted amongst teachers at the University of Jos, Nigeria and the students of the African community of the Universidade Estadual do Norte Fluminense Darcy Ribeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The participants responded to a series of structured questions designed to draw perspectives and the responses were descriptively analyzed. Amongst various opinions discussed, 75% of the participants agree that scientists applaud should be inclusive in the research culture pipeline while 25% suggest it should be relative. Financial reward, institution-based, community-based and media-based recognition were the key frameworks highlighted by the participants to fit into the model. The scientists that participated in this study had clearly shown that lack of applause has significant effect on research output. The insights from the study had elicited more curations on extension practice for us to discuss our findings with actors of agricultural value chain in Nigeria and other parts of sub-Saharan Africa through the CORTEVA platform for Africa.

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