

Research Assessment: Regional Perspectives and Unifying Actions

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What, Why and How we Assess in the SSA Region

What we assess



Researchers' Evaluation

01



Research Proposals/ Projects

02



Programs Evaluation

03



Institutions' Evaluation

04

Why (Purpose)

- To benchmark Researchers against their global peers
- Research Institutions use Rating of individual researchers for:
 - Recruitment and hiring,
 - Promotions & career progression,
 - Recognition, rewards & incentives
 - Access high-end funding
 - Review Career progression

- To select research projects for funding support
- To monitor the progress of ongoing projects
- To evaluate performance of completed projects
- To support relevant,, collaborative and impactful research.

- To track programs are yielding that expected results
- To inform approaches to future funding interventions
- To assess research programme contributions to knowledge advancement, human capacity development and research capabilities

- To account for Public investment;
- To ensure continued organisational performance, relevance and sustainability
- To informing decisions on organisational priorities
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How

Processes: Mono, Multi, Trans disciplinary panels,

Interviews key stakeholders (beneficiaries) – comprehensive open reviews.

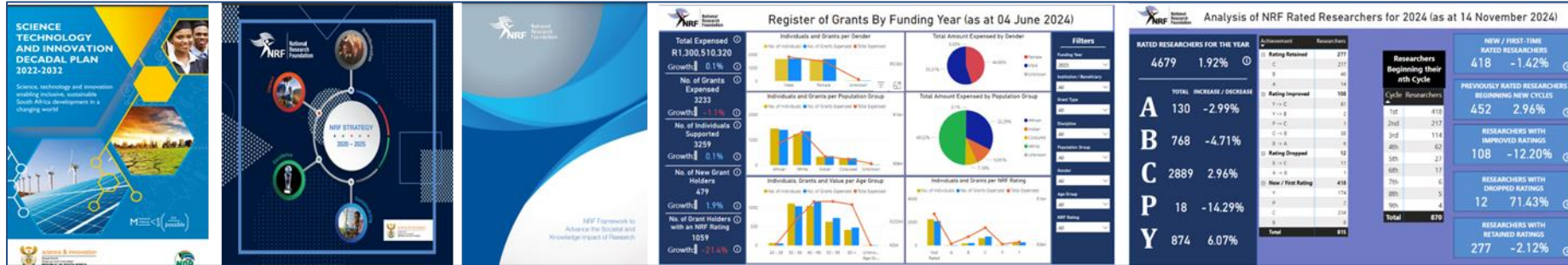
Principles and approaches: Subscribe to the GRC RRA Dimensions, DORA principles, GRC Merit Review Principles

Criteria: Relevance, Impact, implementation methods, team competences, Collaboration, transdisciplinary research

We Prioritize

We value research relevance, societal impact and knowledge advancement, transdisciplinary collaborative/engaged research addressing SDGS and pressing regional challenges that can be summed up to poverty alleviation, EDI, climate change expressed in national STI Policies.

Research Assessment Reform Efforts in the SSA Region



- The legislative mandate of the NRF provides the broad national intent for research that benefits society.
- The frameworks outline the implementation and adoption of impact advancement and engaged research.
- Using AI we track the demographics of funded researchers to honour our transformation agenda and harness EDI. We also track the number of Rated researchers to assess the strength of our science system
- We raise awareness on Research Assessment Reform nationally/regionally and internationally.



2024 Response	Counts	Response rate among RRA GRC members
Africa	4	19%
Americas	6	40%
Asia-Pacific	6	40%
Europe	18	43%
MENA	3	25%
Total	37	35%

