

CLOSING REMARKS

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- Over the past 2 days we have looked at the goals of the GSC in the context of South - South co-operation in Science and Technology, and an overview of those GSC and perspectives from the African scientists and the place of African Diaspora.
- We have also reviewed the reports from some of the Institutions in Africa that are already hosting some of the GSC programmes in the continent, including their activities and impacts on development in Africa.

- We have also examined the role of GSC in the context of how other bodies such as NEPAD, TWAS, UNECA, ARCT, UNESCO and ICSU are responding to Africa's problems and needs. It is hoped that the promoters of GSC may find some lessons to learn from these organizations activities.
- We also had a chance to discuss and examine selective and evaluation criteria for GSC host sites and GSC fellows. We did also look at how to measure success of GSC programmes.



- We had a chance to examine how to implement GSC programmes including prioritization of areas of science to be selected and mechanisms for implementation. The need for a mid-term review/evaluation was emphasized.
- Finally we have also come up with recommendations and conclusions and joint statement.



- This has therefore been a very busy time for all our brains. We sincerely hope that these ideas will enrich the GSC programmes, so that it does not end up as just one of those efforts that came and went without sustainable impact in Africa.



- On behalf of the African Academy of Sciences, I wish to thank Arlen Hastings, Kiera Carlisle, GSC promoters and all the participants for their excellent contribution during the workshop, and of course we are also very grateful to the AAS for organizing and hosting the workshop.



- I wish all of you who are traveling, very safe trips.
- Thank you very much for your attention.

