



THE NIGERIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Maximizing Project Impact

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- Nigeria's national science academy
- Honorific role
 - Establishing and maintaining the highest standards of scientific endeavours
 - Recognizing achievements in science
- Advisory function
 - Providing advice on specific problems of scientific nature
- Conducts projects focused on various areas of science

About NAS

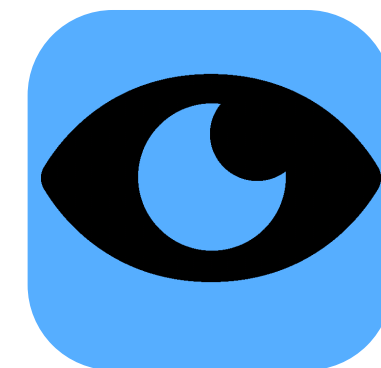
Maximizing Project Impact: Some Lessons from NAs



**Knowledge Sharing
/Dissemination**



Plan beyond the Funding



Strengthen Visibility





Knowledge sharing and Dissemination

- Long held practise of capturing and sharing lessons from projects in reports
- For example, an exchange project with the Benin Academy produced a report/guidance document for similar interactions between academies
- This was disseminated to other science academies in West Africa as a reference document

Plan beyond the Funding



- Important to have a plan for maximizing successes especially for funded projects
- In 2023, NAS received a grant for a project which included a mentorship programme for ECRs
- Major successes from this; capacity strengthening collaboration, and increased visibility for NAS

Plan beyond the Funding



- What happens when the funding ends?
- NAS is taking the lessons, frameworks, and processes and is designing a virtual cohort of the programme
- This should replicate the successes from the first cohort

Strengthen Visibility

- Visibility is integral to the impact of projects
- Over the years, this has been intentionally strengthen
- In 2020, NAS began convening an annual science conference; a platform for multisectoral national dialogue on science related matters
- This initiative has strengthened NAS' visibility nationally, and within the scientific community, bolstering its position as the voice of science in Nigeria
- Scientists are more aware of the Academy, and readily engage with other activities





Academies are able to get the best results from activities



Funders get value for money



Nations/society enjoy the dividends of science and technology



Getting the most out of projects is key



Thank you