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to the CSTD call for information sharing on initiatives against COVID-19

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Receive a warm greeting from the Secretariat of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation of Ecuador - Senescyt.

In reference to your e-mail in which you are asked us to share any opportunity to collaborate on STI projects related to COVID-19, and/or any document that presents experiences, best practice examples, and other STI initiatives that address the exceptional challenges posed by this outbreak.

In this sense, it is a pleasure to inform you about the following initiatives that have been developing from this institution (Senescyt) with other actors:

- In order to support the Actors of the Science, Technology, Innovation, and Ancestral Knowledge System, the Secretary of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation is articulating proposals to promote participation in international calls, whereby Initiatives in the following areas have been evidenced in this process: genetics, serology, zoonosis, drug development and possible treatments, themes social, economic and political, modeling, among others.
- On the other hand, close work with the Institutes of Public Research, especially with the National Institute for Research in Public Health- Dr. Leopoldo Izquieta Pérez- INSPI, has allowed prioritizing the topics that should be promoted in the field of scientist research, as well as the priority areas to establish national and international collaboration agreements.
- Likewise, scientific dissemination processes are being carried out for teachers/researchers from the Technical and Technological Institutes to strengthen their capacities in terms of managing COVID-19.

Therefore, and with the proposal to strengthen the management that Senescyt has been developing, specifically comes to in the field of scientific research, we cordially request UNCTAD and its members the possibility to support the initiatives described above in order to help develop timely improvements within these areas in the framework of COVID -19.

Likewise, we request your feedback, in order to learn about the existence of programs, projects, or the exchange of experiences that we can jointly develop on the topics previously specified.