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Agenda item 4:
Presentation of reports on science, technology, and innovation policy reviews

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• Broad consultations, three missions, four-day national workshops
• Enabled a draft proposal for a National STI Policy for Uganda
• Capacity building central to the STIP process in Uganda
• Possible piloting an e-learning platform in Q4 2021
Vision 2040 sets high standards, aspirations. Uganda will need to use STI in to:

- Drive growth through higher productivity
- Stimulate export diversification
- Technology transfer processes will need to shift towards the innovation end of STI processes
- SDGs provide opportunities for technological investment and capacity development
• Face-to-face and virtual missions in 2019/2020, 5 virtual workshops in 2020
• Follow up of recommendations and capacity building under consideration
38 Recommendations: System, MESCOY, STI Plan, and implementation

A new plan must find a governance mechanism that ensures an effective coordination of STI policies

Reinforce FONDOCYT, extend to new research areas

Urgent to encourage businesses to invest in R&D and connect with academia
• Two UNCTAD missions, 09/2019 and 02/2020
• Complete working draft of STI Policy Review is ready for consultations for finalization
• Revised STI Policy issued. STI review to help develop a well-targeted policy focus
• Capacity-building activities are moving onto an eLearning platform, Q4 2021
Key recommendations:

1. Develop greater visibility of STI policy, and STI as a key economic factor, in governance & society

2. Improve horizontal coordination on STI as opportunities for synergies and win-win situations abound

3. Stronger articulation of the STI policy domain in future National Development Plans

STI and key development challenges

- Food systems
- Extractive industries
- Digital transformation
- Gender
THANK YOU!