Facilitating for Parliament and Legislators to Communicate with the General Public

Creating an Effective Interface for Re-Use of Information and Research Outputs through Outreach and Partnerships

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I. Parliamentary Outreach

- A niche for re-use of research information and outputs in facilitating Parliament and legislators to communicate with the general public has emerged under the **parliamentary outreach** in Kenya.

- Among the activities that have since evolved upon rolling out outreach three years ago include:
  - Participation and exhibition at trade fairs,
  - Parliament week/Open day,
  - Public lectures at universities, and
  - County visits.
The broad spectrum underpinning **parliament-legislator-general public** communication nexus
2. Forging Linkages and Partnerships

- **Aim**: enhance deployment of research information and outputs to strengthen evidence informed decision-making.

- Implemented over the last four years, this approach has strengthened the research-to-policy nexus.

- Is a critical communication approach for parliaments and legislators with stakeholders in research and public policy.

- Two outcomes so far:-
  
  (i) Establishment of a “Parliamentary Caucus on Evidence informed Decision Making (PC-EIDM)” and

  (ii) Development of “Guidelines for Evidence Use in Policy Analysis and Decision-Making”.
Interactive Questions

1. *How has parliamentary outreach and partnerships developed in your countries, and what is the role of the parliamentary library/research service in these?*

2. *How else can outreach and partnerships facilitate conversation between parliaments/legislators and the general public?*