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NEPAD Collaborates with Thomson Reuters to Accelerate Pace of Innovation

PHILADELPHIA, April 12, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- The Intellectual Property & Science business of Thomson Reuters today announced a strategic partnership with The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) to spearhead the development and monitoring of innovative output across the region.

NEPAD is one of the African Union's key technical bodies leading socio-economic development, providing tangible methods to advance the continental economy. This collaboration comes on the heels of the African Union's Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA) 2024 initiative, a continental strategy that aims to accelerate Africa's transition to an innovation-led and knowledge-based economy by boosting production in the science, technology, and innovation sectors.

Thomson Reuters will contribute the following:

- Data to assist the evaluation of key innovation indicators
- Training to accurately evaluate these performance indicators and monitor continent-wide scientific research
- Collaboration in producing academic research and proprietary white papers
- Ensure the inclusion of African journal data into international indexes, making the research more visible and accessible

"NEPAD is continually looking for new and innovative strategies to grow science, technology and innovation in Africa. This partnership will allow us to leverage both Thomson Reuters and NEPAD strengths to produce new knowledge in this area." said Professor Aggrey Ambali, Head of the NEPAD Science, Technology and Innovation Hub.

"In the global knowledge economy, innovation can be the key that unlocks a world of social and economic opportunity," said Viji Krishnan, Global Head of Emerging Markets, Intellectual Property & Science, Thomson Reuters. "The African Union has already taken meaningful strides towards a new age of innovation with the creation of NEPAD, and by helping them further these efforts, we're confident the continent will soon be on its way to a scientific revolution."

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About the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA)

The **NEPAD** Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), is a technical body and development vehicle of the African Union (AU). The NPCA is responsible for the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (**NEPAD**), a strategic framework for pan-African socio-economic development. In order to address critical challenges facing the continent, the NPCA facilitates and coordinates development programmes and projects, pushing for partnerships, resource mobilisation, research and knowledge management.