

Malaysia: Harnessing Talent towards an Inclusive Malaysia

In Malaysia, a multi-stakeholder National Working Group decided to focus on Harnessing Talent towards an Inclusive Malaysia: An Assessment of the National Policy on Science, Technology and Innovation (NPSTI) in Enhancing Social Inclusion in Research and Innovation.

In partnership with the Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), the project is implemented in three stages:

1. [Policy Initiation Workshop](#), organized to build policy assessment capacities by using innovative tools and methodologies, including the identification of data issues.
2. Policy assessment and revision, undertaken by the National Working Group to apply the policy assessment tools to measure and revise specific policies for greater inclusiveness; and
3. [National Policy Dialogue](#), organized to present the major outputs and results of the policy revision process to a broad audience of national stakeholders, policy makers, the academic establishment and the media.

Malaysia has enjoyed one of the best economic growth records in Asia over the last five decades despite a multitude of challenges and economic shocks, raising from the ranks of a low income economy in the 1970s to a high middle-income economy in the 1990s. Nevertheless, challenges to ensure equitable distribution of the gains of economic growth remain, especially in regards to the vulnerable segments of population left out of mainstream development.

The project in Malaysia was designed to address the problem of harnessing talent in various levels of society towards an inclusive Malaysia as part of the process of becoming a developed nation. Towards that end, the National Working Group, led by IKMAS decided to examine the National Policy on Science, Technology and Innovation (NPSTI) to assess in what way and to what extent it enhances social inclusion in research and innovation. Specifically the objectives of the study are: 1) to identify aspects/attributes/elements of social inclusion in the National Policy on Science, Technology & Innovation 2013-2020 (NPSTI), 2) to assess the degree of inclusiveness in the areas of research and innovation in NPSTI, and 3) to assess the quality of relevant data as well as identify gaps and issues to be addressed.

The Report on Harnessing Talent towards an Inclusive Malaysia: An Assessment of the National Policy on Science, Technology and Innovation (NPSTI) in Enhancing Social Inclusion in Research and Innovation. (Link to report will be provided later)