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**Remarks Michael Crawford, Senior Science and Technology
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“S&T and research are not ends in themselves; STI policymaking requires significant amounts of specialized knowledge in the form of S&T indicators, to avoid dependence on anecdotal evidence.

Commitment to STI funding should be long-term. Education of the public and policymakers on the importance of STI is a permanent responsibility of the academic and research communities.

Fragmentation of research resources is the enemy of productive output. Relevance in research should be defined as the ability to contribute to the solution of relevant problems, not simply to address important themes. Uganda future human capital is potentially much more valuable than any amount of natural capital or assets, including oil.”