

## Developing a Triple-Helix of University-Industry-Government Partnership and Linkages in Africa: A Necessary Tool for Translational Research in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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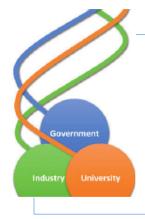
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## **Outline**



Triple-Helix of University-Industry-Government Collaborations/Partnerships/Link ages



Translational Research as a focus of University Pedagogy, Research and Publics
Engagement/Outreach



Case Studies of University-Industry-Government Partnership

- Food Production
- One Health
- Waste to Wealth



Future Considerations for the Triple Helix of University-Industry-Government Partnerships

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## **Triple Helix of University-Industry-Government Partnerships**



**Triple Helix** is a model which has as its basis the potential for innovation and economic development in a knowledge society (Gachie, 2020)



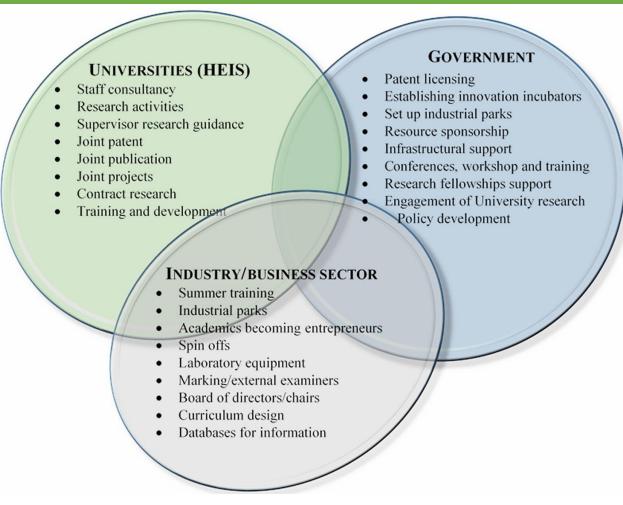
The **4**<sup>th</sup> **industrial revolution** championed by digital innovations underpins a knowledge-based economy/society of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



Universities' missions has grown from preservation and dissemination of knowledge to production of new knowledge to putting the knowledge to use (Etzkowitz and Zhou, 2007)



## Triple Helix of University-Industry-Government Partnerships, Cont'd



Framework for University-Industry-Government Linkages Source: Gaz

#### LEVEL ONE CATEGORY

- Establishing innovation incubators
- Science and industrial parks
- Research and Development
- · Spin offs
- · Providing entrepreneurship

### Compliant /Reactive

#### LEVEL TWO CATEGORY

- Collaboration in projects
- Joint patenting
- Co-publications of research work,
- Outsourcing research contracts
- · Consultancy services and other engagements
- Patents registration
- Personal exchange of knowledge for problem solving
- Selection of industrial problem as research questions
- Supervisor, research guide, assessing master PhD thesis
- · Selection of authentic maters and PhD research

#### LEVEL THREE CATEGORY

- Organizing and delivering training sessions
- Participation in conferences and seminars
- Joint curriculum design and evaluation
- Participation in teaching learning, and assessment
- · Donation, sharing resources, laboratory equipment
- Literature and publications
- Support of HEIs activities and infrastructure
- Providing grants and donations
- Research fellowships and internship programs
- · Sponsorship of research and PhD thesis
- Collaborative committees and award Chair

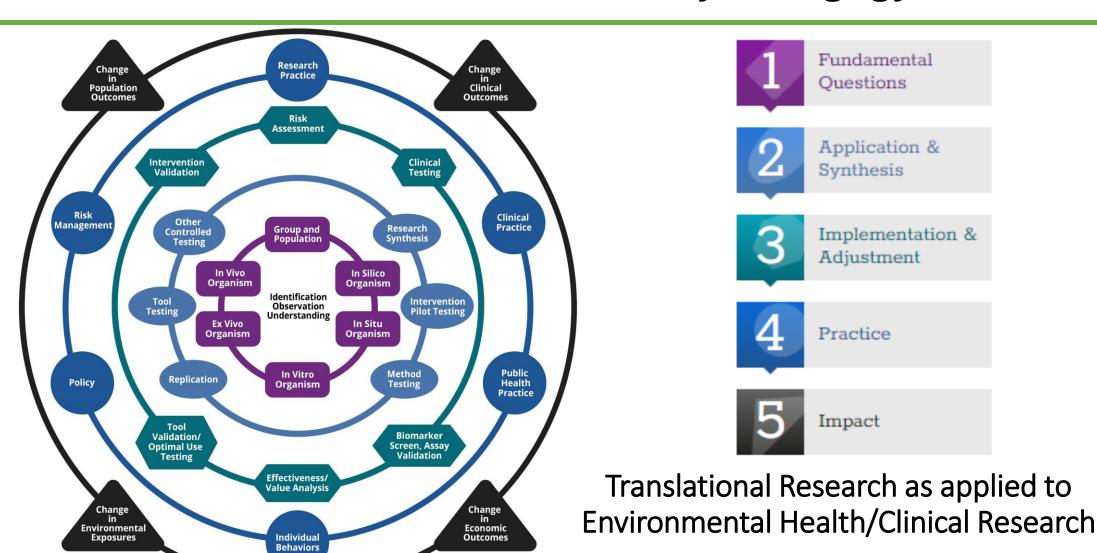
Proactive

Strategic

Categories of University-Industry-Government Linkages



## Translational Research – Focus of University Pedagogy & Outreach





ource: https://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/programs/translational/framework-details/index.cfm

## Case Studies of University-Industry-Government Partnership

The Energy **Biosciences** Institute: A University-Industry-Government Triple Helix November 2007 - 2017(unless renewed)

The Energy Biosciences Institute (EBI) at the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley) was established with a \$500M funding commitment from BP Technology Ventures, Inc. (BP) to support alternative energy research over 10 years.

Berkeley's research partners in this multi-disciplinary industry/university/ government initiative are the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC).

The funding has enabled >350 researchers across several departments to produce scores of research publications, is training talent for high-tech sector jobs, enhances university research facilities, has produced dozens of patents and IP agreements, is accelerating innovation and catalyzing commercial investment, and has engendered additional funding and collaborations.

https://energybiosciencesinstitute.org/



## Case Studies of University-Industry-Government Partnership, Cont'd



#### University's Waste Pet bottles:

The committee processes the waste pet bottles of the University via collection, sorting and bailing the materials for pickup by Alkem Nigeria Limited and afterward the company will process the payment into the University's waste to wealth account. The account is being managed by the Directorate of Financial Services of the University. This process is in collaboration with the signed MoU between Covenant University and Alkem Limited. The bailing machine was donated to the University in line with the signed MoU and always maintains the equipment whenever there are issues. All the details of payment can be ascertained from DFS office. The bailed materials are moved out via an exeat memo by the company (see attached a copy).

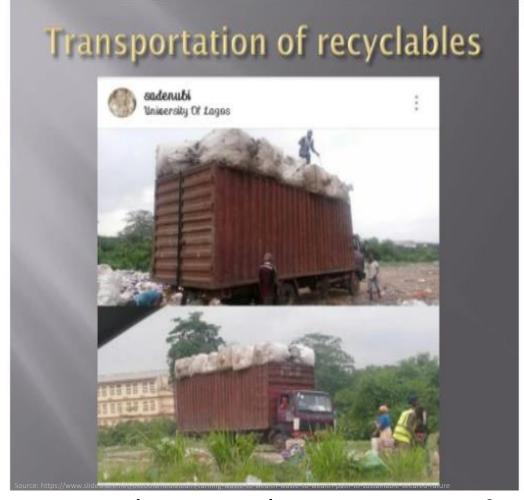


#### Wastepaper Recycling

In like manner, the wastepaper processing is driven in line with MoU collaboration with Belpapyrus Limited that recycled them to tissue papers for usage in the University. The wastepaper is collected and sorted by W2W workers and the company usually comes into the University to pick them up and these are recycled by the company to tissue paper for usage in the University. Since this operation six years (6) years ago, the University has not been spending money on tissue paper purchase; rather has been using the recycled tissue paper. Once the wastepaper is processed to tissues, the company supplies the product, which after auditing,

# Univ.-Ind. Partnership: Covenant University Waste-Wealth Initiative

Source: https://covenantuniversity.edu.ng/information/more/cu-waste-to-wealth-initiative#details-of-activities



Univ.-Ind. Partnership: University of Lagos Waste-Wealth Initiative



## Case Studies of University-Industry-Government Partnership, Cont'd



### Who is behind EEPoN?

EEPoN is an innovative project championed by the Evidence Use in Environmental Policymaking in Nigeria (EUEPIN) Project and the Environmental Evidence Synthesis and Knowledge Translation Research Group, TETFUND Centre of Excellence in Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Management (EESKT-TCEBCEM), University of Lagos in partnership with Knowledge Translation Units at Lagos State Ministry of Environment and Water Resources, Federal Ministry of Environment (Lagos Zonal Office), and the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology.



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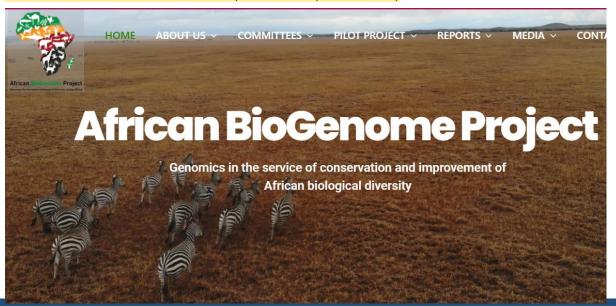
#### Metrics Task Force: Terms of Reference

#### Introduction:

In January 2021, The Federal Government of Nigeria joined the World Economic Forum, Global Plastic Action Partnership (GPAP) to advance national efforts to fight plastic pollution.

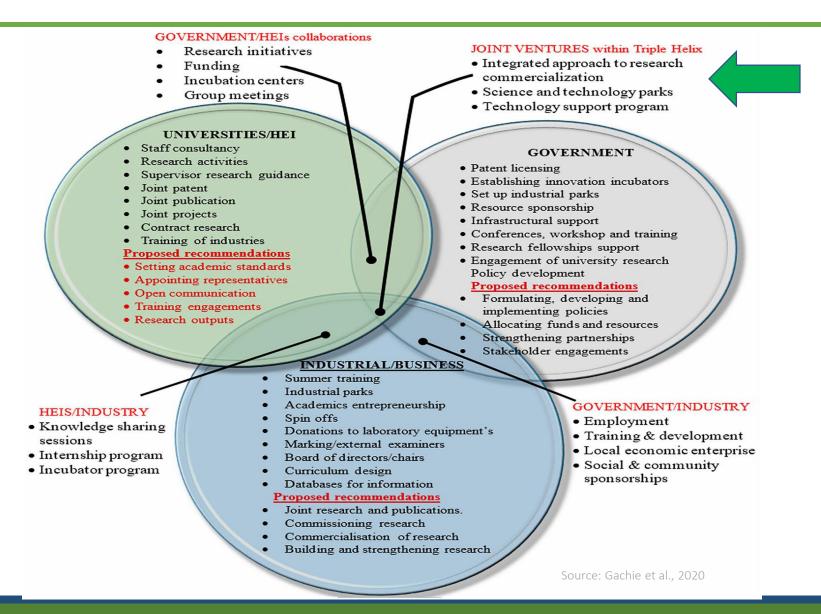
Co-founded by partners across the public and private sectors, the Global Plastic Action Partnership (GPAP) harnesses the convening power of the World Economic Forum to bring together governments, businesses, and civil society to translate commitments into meaningful action at both the global and national levels.

GPAP has created National Plastic Action Partnerships (NPAPs) with five countries (Indonesia, Ghana, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Viet Nam), bringing together top leaders and decision-makers from government, business, and civil society in a united effort to accelerate the transition to a circular plastics economy in each country.





## Future Considerations for University-Industry-Government Linkages





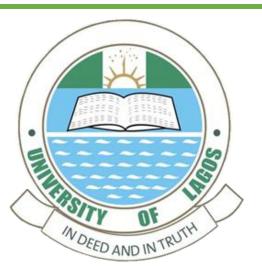
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