

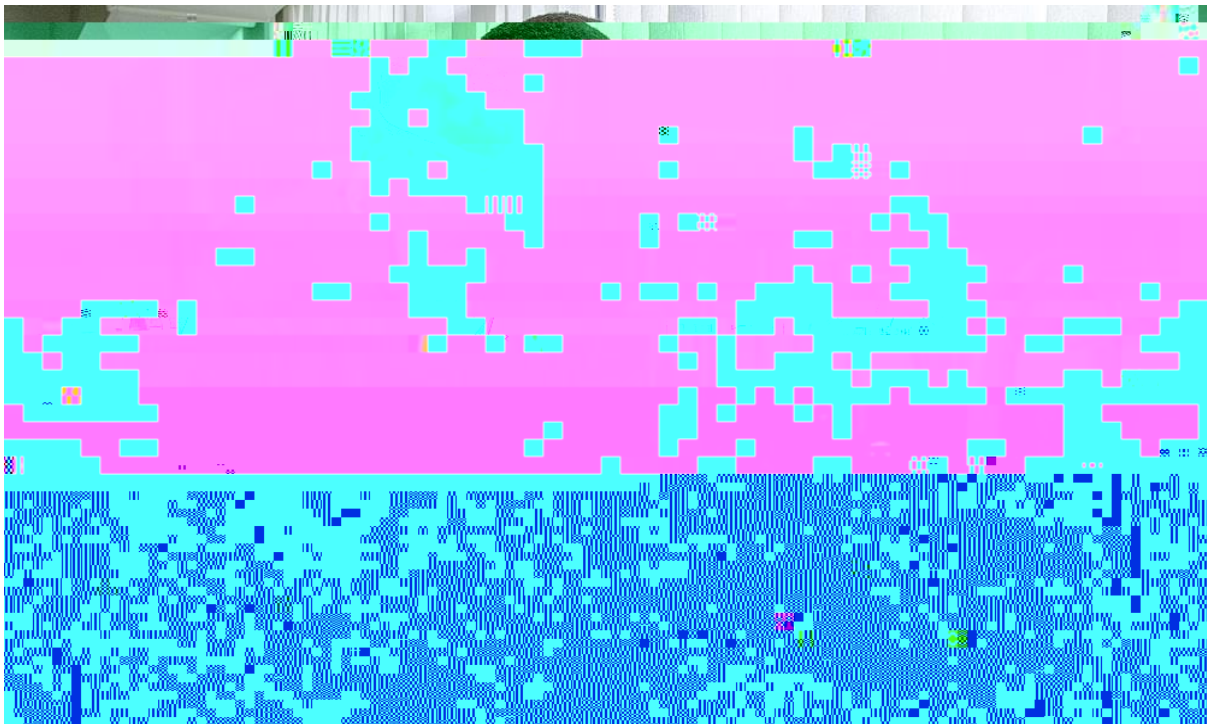
## International Policy Engagement Case Study

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between UCL, the University of Rwanda ([UR](#)) Technology ([NCST](#)).

Dr Julius Mugwagwa, Dr Carla Washbourne, Remy Twiringiyimana and other colleagues at have been working with their Rwandan partners on the delivery of a training programme for Science Granting Councils (SGCs) and other science system actors in Sub-Saharan Africa.



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### **Building the relationship**

To initiate the relationship with the policy partner, Remy and colleagues were able to leverage their positive partnership with the local partner institution.

The relationship with the University of Rwanda itself started back in 2019 when a team of UCL researchers began a collaboration around understanding the role of African Science Granting Councils, including NCST, in their national science systems, as part of the Science Granting Council Initiative in SSA ([SGCI](#)).

the aforementioned research activities, the NCST approached STEaPP looking to source expertise and support for an international multidisciplinary research grant application. It was

through these existing relationships between UR and NCST that in 2021, inspired by the opportunity offered by the UCL Global Engagement Africa and Middle East (AME) Teaching Initiative Funds, STEaPP team approached the two organisations to collaborate on the C3SA project.

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