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KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM ON INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

RESEARCH UPTAKE AND STAKEHOLDER MAPPING

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INTRODUCTION

1. Objective to influence policy discussions using research based knowledge:
 - Productive employment (PE)
 - Inclusive policies (Strategic Actors)
 - Social protection (SP)
2. Assumption: that policy making & practices (implementation) are based on quality research evidence
 - Understanding policy making processes & dynamics in a country is important
 - Policy making process is like making sausage
- 3 Policy Uptake
 - Ultimately influencing national policy and/or Implementation of new ideas on PE, SA & SP

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RESEARCH UPTAKE PROCESS

1. Supply Driven Approach: conduct a study and use findings of the study to engage policy actors through Policy Briefs, Workshops, Seminars, Conferences, etc.)
 - When lucky a follow-up call from policy actors for more information
 - Develop a proposal for considerations?
 - Research work may be quoted in policy documents

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RESEARCH UPTAKE PROCESS

2. Demand Driven Approach:

- Have some research ideas and approach relevant policy actors for discussions
- Researchers & policy actors identify knowledge gaps, ask policy relevant questions and produce new research evidence (information)
- Package new information to policy actors

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Mapping of Stakeholders (Policy Actors) in PE & SA

1. Government
 - Inner core of government (Presidency & Ministers)
 - Key Sector Ministries, Departments and Agencies
 - Parliamentary sub-committee; Local Governments
2. Civil society
 - Think tanks (research based & advocacy)
 - Implementing organizations (NGOs)
 - Labour union; Media & Academics
3. Private sector
 - Transnational companies; Employers association
 - Key enterprises/companies; Banks
4. International organization/agencies
5. Influential Individuals/political entrepreneurs
6. Opposition political parties

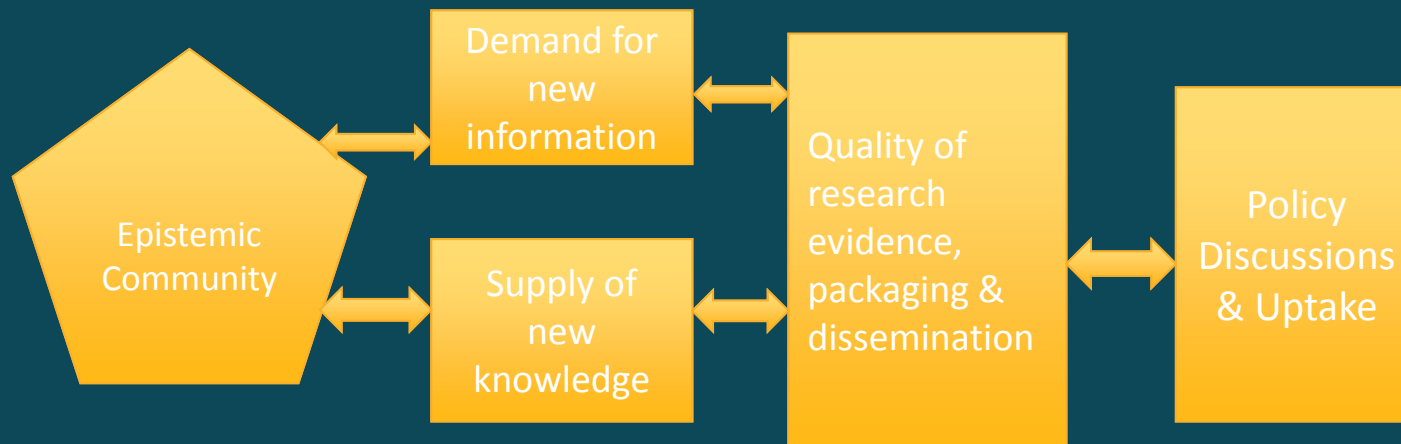
Understanding the influence of actors in the policy process

Based on the mapping of key actors and groups, analyse the levels of influence of the actors in a particular policy process & implementation.

Actors in the specific theme	Interest	Motivation	Power	Capacity
Government sector				
Private sector				
Civil society				
International organisation				
Individuals formal & informal				

Epistemic Community

Network of people with interest, power, motivation and capacity to use research evidence to influence policy discussions & uptake in a country



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Quality of Research Evidence, Mode of Packaging & Dissemination

Quality and relevance of the research evidence (Study Report).

- Clear identification of potential policy impact
- Offer improvement/change

Packaging of evidence for dissemination?

- Policy Alert
- Policy Brief
- Newspaper articles
- Television discussions
- Seminars
- Radio discussion
- Social Media

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Scope of Policy Engagement & Research Uptake?

1. Breakfast/Lunch Meeting with policy actors?
2. Supply of information (policy briefs)?
3. Supporting Development of Policy Documents?
4. ???



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