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THEME:

RESEARCH FOR AFRICA'S TRANSFORMATION: CHALLENGES, QUALITY, AND IMPACT

Sub-theme 5: African Sociocultural beliefs and Norms: Challenges and Prospects on Research Development

Sub-theme 5 invites abstract of research that focus on the challenges and prospects of research development in Africa in the context of sociocultural beliefs and norms. The sub-theme recognizes the rich and diverse cultures of African societies, which are often rooted in traditional beliefs and practices. These beliefs and practices have implications for how research is conducted, interpreted, and applied in various fields, including health, agriculture, education, and social sciences.

The sub-theme seeks to understand the impact of African sociocultural beliefs and norms on research development, including the challenges and opportunities that arise from this impact. Research in this area faces significant challenges due to the complexity and diversity of African sociocultural beliefs and norms. These challenges include language barriers, lack of access to research participants, and the need to balance cultural sensitivity with scientific rigor. Moreover, some African sociocultural beliefs and norms may conflict with modern scientific practices, creating tensions between traditional and scientific knowledge.

The sub-theme aims to explore the potential of these beliefs and norms to drive innovation and creativity in research, as well as the challenges they pose for

researchers who seek to navigate them while adhering to scientific principles and standards. The sub-theme invites abstracts of research that explore innovative approaches to address these challenges, such as building partnerships and collaborations with local communities, incorporating indigenous knowledge systems into research methodologies, and engaging in culturally sensitive communication and dissemination of research findings.

Overall, Sub-theme 5 provides a platform for scholars, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to engage in critical discourse on the challenges and prospects of research development in Africa in the context of sociocultural beliefs and norms. It seeks to identify strategies for overcoming challenges and promoting sustainable development by advancing the continent's research agenda. Abstracts that address the sub-theme's objectives are welcome.

