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TIPC: INNOVATION FOR TRANSFORMATION

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WHAT IS TRANSFORMATIVE INNOVATION POLICY CONSORTIUM (TIPC)?

Governments look to develop their economy and society to grow their country's wealth and the population's welfare. With a world facing increasing social and environmental issues, to do this requires fresh ways of thinking. We need new wisdom. As Einstein said: 'We cannot solve our problems with the same level of thinking that created them.'

The Transformative Innovation Policy Consortium (TIPC) is a global think-tank aimed at improving innovation initiatives in science and technology by creating projects that reach to the heart of issues to solve them directly. Not by chance or as a by-product of scientific research, but by focusing on a problem within a country's health, education, energy or mobility system from the start to reach a solution that enhances and changes lives.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Researchers from the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) at the University of Sussex in the UK along with national policymakers from member countries, work together with people on the ground to create a 'toolkit' of ideas and approaches. These new methods will then be tested and evaluated to create successful science, technology and innovation programmes. People's skills will be developed and networks created to support these transformative initiatives.

WHO IS IN TIPC?

Responding to urgent global issues, TIPC is the brain-child of academics from SPRU (www.sussex.ac.uk/spru) and its Director, Professor Johan Schot (www.johanschot.com). Founding members are policy making departments and research agencies including Colciencias (www.colciencias.gov.co) in Colombia, South Africa, Norway, Sweden and Finland who have embarked on an exploratory year to understand how to create, through policy, innovations that are live-changing and transformative for individuals, families, communities and society. New members are anticipated over the coming year and beyond and it is anticipated that the work will feed into a five year programme. TIPC plans to work with other international organizations such as the OECD and United Nations to help reach these societal goals.

FOR INTERVIEWS AND INFORMATION

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