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The Emergence of Talent

Talent, if viewed as a set of latent abilities that have not yet been revealed, can manifest itself or blossom only if it moves from a state of potential to that of a mastered and expressed ability. Indeed, this development is neither purely internal nor exclusively imposed from the outside; it results from the constant interaction between an individual's makeup, sustained personal commitment, and the presence of a supportive environment.

It is precisely because it provides such a framework that the "Congolese Scientific Genius 2026" pre-forum—a major showcase of excellence—enables the latent aptitudes of our researchers to evolve into fully realized and recognized capabilities.

By dedicating the 61st edition of its publication to the work of this pre-forum, the National Scientific Council (NSC) aligns itself with the ongoing progress of research in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The NSC remains convinced that the emergence of talent is never a matter of chance, but rather the result of methodical transformation and concerted effort.

In this regard, the ten days of intensive evaluation at the National Institute of the Arts (INA) not only demonstrated that our nation abounds with exceptional ideas but also highlighted an urgent need: to build an ecosystem capable of transforming academic knowledge and individual inventiveness into national prosperity. As Her Excellency Marie-Thérèse Sombo, Minister of ESURSI, so aptly noted: "The sustainable development of the DRC will be driven by science, technology, innovation, and our nation's ability to transform ideas into solutions and knowledge into a shared pursuit of progress."

However, this vision—championed by Head of State Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo and implemented by the government of Prime Minister Judith Suminwa Tuluka—requires concrete resources. Since no talent can flourish in a vacuum, the research environment must be improved to enable researchers to perform at their best. In other words, success requires favorable material, technical, and institutional conditions, where access to tools, facilities, and exchange networks directly determines the pace and scale of development. This is the essence of the advocacy led by Odon Ndambu, Secretary General for Scientific Research and Innovation, who is calling for the allocation of at least 1% of GDP—or at least the 3% of the national budget previously earmarked—to research; this is an essential investment that serves as the true fuel for our technological autonomy.

To realize this ambition—involving over 300 candidates evaluated across diverse fields such as artificial intelligence, health, the environment, agrifood, and robotics—the NSC ensured a rigorous, merit-based process. True innovation goes beyond mere academic credentials; it is measured by the tangible impact of the proposed solutions.

Consequently, out of all the applications reviewed, 265 major innovations that scored at least 50% were selected for the final phase. At the same time, true to an inclusive approach that views talent development as an ongoing journey, the Congolese Scientific Genius Incubator (IGSC) will support the remaining project leaders, helping their concepts evolve into viable, bankable businesses.

In short, the blossoming of talent is neither the result of magic nor of simple conditioning. It is the product of an inseparable alchemy involving individual predispositions, patient and methodical effort, and an environment that encourages,



Professor
Pius MPIANA TSHIMANKINDA
NSC President

*Building an
ecosystem capable
of converting
academic knowledge
and individual
inventiveness into
national prosperity.*

guides, and provides recognition.

Congolese scientific genius has now matured; it is inventive and ready to meet the challenges of our time. It is therefore up to institutions, academics, business leaders, and partners to join forces and transform this tremendous pool of talent into thriving industries for the Congo.

Activities of the Minister of ESURSI

Pre-Forum Launch

Marie-Thérèse SOMBO: “Sustainable development in the DRC will depend on science, technology, and innovation... >>.”

On July 15, 2026, at the INA in Kinshasa, the Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research, and Innovation (ESURSI), Marie-Thérèse Sombo, launched the activities of the Pre-Forum on Congolese Scientific Ingenuity. On this occasion, she stated: “The sustainable development of the Democratic Republic of the Congo will be driven by science, technology, innovation, and our nation’s ability to transform ideas into solutions, knowledge into wealth, and talent into shared progress.”

In her address, she noted that the ambitions for this fourth edition are higher than those of previous ones. According to her, the goal is to bring together researchers, inventors, and innovators; to structure their initiatives; to support their development; and to propel Congolese scientific ingenuity so that it becomes a true engine of transformation, competitiveness, and development.

She emphasized that the inventions and innovations driven by fellow citizens demonstrate exceptional potential. They reflect the Congolese population’s capacity to devise solutions tailored to local realities, meet community needs, and open up new prospects in key sectors such as energy, health, agriculture, the environment, industry, and information technology.

The head of the ESURSI ministry called for the mobilization of everyone—researchers, educators, students, inventors, innovators, public institutions, private partners, and development stakeholders—urging each to take responsibility for building a scientific ecosystem that is robust, competitive, inclusive, and resolutely forward-looking.

Before the Minister delivered her address, the Secretary General for Scientific Research and Innovation, Mr. Odon



Marie-Thérèse SOMBO, Minister of ESURSI

Ndambu Mwalanga, spoke to mark the occasion. He took the opportunity to urge the government to allocate a substantial budget to the scientific research and innovation sub-sector—either 1% of GDP, in line with the recommendation made by African Heads of State at the African Union summit in Lagos, Nigeria, or 3% of the national budget, in accordance with the Head of State’s directives issued during the first edition in 2023—given that the funds allocated following those directives have not yet been disbursed. That, on the contrary, they have been scaled back to 2.1% in 2025 and 0.46% in 2026.

He also asserted that science, technology, and innovation are drivers of a nation’s socio-economic development. They transform knowledge into concrete solutions to boost the economy, improve public health, and optimize agriculture. In a world of intensifying competition and environmental challenges, mastering technology and scientific research is becoming a major strategic asset for our country, he concluded.

His remarks were followed by an address from the President of the NSC Professor Pius Mpiana Tshimankinda. Taking the floor, the NSC President stated that his institution would always stand by

innovative candidates and inventors to promote scientific merit and support the talents who will bring pride to our nation.

He affirmed that this fourth edition of the Congolese Scientific Genius Forum must mark a milestone of maturity, excellence, and openness to productive innovation. It must foster projects capable of sustainably improving the living conditions of our population, strengthening our economy, and enhancing the scientific standing of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, he concluded.

The ceremony concluded with the Minister presenting training certificates to participants who had completed the course organized by the Congolese Scientific Genius Incubator (IGSC), in recognition of their participation and commitment.

Jacques ASUKA/NSC

Activities of the Secretary for RSI

Welcome Remarks by the Secretary General of the RSI on the Occasion of the Launch of the Fourth Pre-Forum of Congolese Scientific Genius



Odon NDAMBU MWALANGA, Secretary General of the RSI

- *Madam Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research, and Innovation,*
 - *Mr. Deputy Minister, Your Excellency, Mr. Minister of Education,*
 - *Mr. Senior Advisor to the Head of State,*
 - *Mr. Secretary General for Higher and University Education dear colleague,*
 - *Mr. Chairman of the University Board of Directors,*
 - *Mr. Chairman of the National Scientific Council,*
 - *Mr. Director and Head of the Central Department for Scientific Research and Innovation,*
 - *Directors General of Scientific Research and Innovation institutions,*
 - *Dear lead researchers, inventors, and innovators,*
 - *Distinguished guests, in your respective capacities and with all due protocol observed.*
- As we launch the 4th edition of the Congolese Scientific Ingenuity Forum, allow me first to express my gratitude to His Excellency the President of the Republic and Head of State, who personally agreed to preside over the opening and closing of the inaugural Congolese Scientific Ingenuity conclave in 2023, thereby paving the way for subsequent editions.*
- My thanks also go to Her Excellency the Prime Minister and Head of Government; through her guidance and unwavering attention, she has made it possible to organize past editions of the Congolese Scientific Ingenuity Forum as well as this 2026 edition, despite the difficulties our country is facing due to the war of aggression imposed upon us.*
- I would also like to pay special tribute to the bravery and leadership of Her Excellency the Minister of Higher Education, University Education, and Innovation, acknowledging her steadfast commitment to fostering scientific research by promoting the practical application of findings and products developed by researchers, inventors, and innovators for the sake of national development and the collective well-being.*

May all senior officials, experts, and staff within the scientific research and innovation sector accept this expression of national appreciation for the teamwork that drives progress in scientific research and innovation.

- *Your Excellency, Madam Minister;*
- *Mr. President of the National Scientific Council;*
- *Dear researchers, inventors, and innovators;*

Since 2023, the Ministry of Higher Education, University Education, Scientific Research, and Innovation has organized the Congolese Scientific Ingenuity Forum annually over the course of a month; it is a major event dedicated to selecting and promoting research findings and innovations.

This initiative was designed with the aim of.

- *to evaluate and select the best inventions and innovations by Congolese nationals living at home and abroad;*
- *to award their creators gold, silver, and bronze medals;*
- *and to support the inventors and innovators behind the selected and certified results with a view to creating jobs based on the proposed solutions—in partnership with the relevant ministries and in compliance with intellectual property laws—thereby contributing to the growth of the national economy in the DRC.*

Over the course of three previous editions, the results have been substantial, yielding 163 certified research findings, 108 of which received awards.

To ensure these efforts continue, I would like to take this opportunity to urge the government to allocate a significant budget—equivalent to 1% of GDP—to the scientific research and innovation sub-sector, in line with the recommendation made by African Heads of State during the African Union summit in Lagos, Nigeria. Alternatively, the government should honor the commitment to allocate 3% of the national budget—a figure mandated by the Head of State during the inaugural 2023 edition—which was never disbursed and was subsequently reduced to 2.1% for 2025 and 0.46% for 2026.

Yet, science, technology, and innovation are the fundamental drivers of the nation's socio-economic development. They

transform knowledge into concrete solutions that stimulate the economy, improve public health, and optimize agriculture. In a world of intensifying competition and mounting environmental challenges, mastering technology and scientific research has become a major strategic asset for our country.

- *Madam Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research, and Innovation,*
- *Mr. President of the National Scientific Council,*
- *Mr. Director and Head of the Central Department for Scientific Research and Innovation,*
- *Directors General of Scientific Research and Innovation Institutions,*
- *Distinguished lead researchers, inventors, and innovators,*
- *Distinguished guests, in your respective capacities and observing all protocol.*

As today is dedicated to the launch ceremony of this Forum on Congolese Scientific Ingenuity, it remains for me to welcome each and every one of you to this major event focused on the selection and promotion of research findings.

Thank you.

NSC Activities

Speech by the President of the NSC, Prof. MPIANA TSHIMANKINDA Pius, on the occasion of the launch of the pre-selection phase of the fourth edition of the FGSC 2026



Professor Pius Mpiana Tshimankinda, President of the NSC

- Your Excellency, Madam Minister of Higher Education, Universities, Scientific Research and Innovation;
- Mr. Secretary General for Scientific Research and Innovation;
- Ladies and Gentlemen, Heads of Higher Education, Universities and Scientific Research Institutions;
- Ladies and Gentlemen, Professors and dear colleagues;
- Distinguished guests, in your respective capacities and capacities;
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with immense honor and profound satisfaction that I speak at the official launch of the pre-selection phase for the fourth edition of the Congolese Scientific Engineering Forum, an initiative that has become, over the years, one of the main instruments for promoting scientific excellence, technological innovation, and creative genius in our country.

I would first like to thank Her Excellency the Minister of Higher Education, University Studies, Scientific Research, and Innovation for her unwavering commitment to promoting national scientific genius, in line with the vision of His Excellency the President of the Republic, Head of State, Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo, who considers science, technology, innovation, and human capital to be essential pillars of the economic transformation of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

- Ladies and Gentlemen

The Congolese Scientific Engineering Forum is no longer simply a scientific event. It has become a true national platform for

identifying, supporting, developing, and promoting Congolese scientific talent.

Since its inception, this forum has pursued several major objectives: identifying innovations that offer solutions to the challenges of national development; encouraging a culture of scientific research and innovation; bringing researchers closer to the productive sector; promoting intellectual property and the economic exploitation of research results; and strengthening our country's scientific competitiveness on the African and international stage.

The three previous editions have demonstrated that the Democratic Republic of Congo is brimming with women and men capable of developing innovative solutions in fields as diverse as health, agriculture, digital technologies, mining, the environment, renewable energy, infrastructure, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, industry, and the social sciences and humanities.

Each edition has showcased projects of remarkable quality, confirming that Congo's scientific potential constitutes a strategic asset that remains largely untapped. As Albert Einstein stated, and I quote:

"Imagination is more important than knowledge, for knowledge is limited, whereas imagination embraces the world." Our responsibility lies precisely in creating the conditions that allow this scientific imagination to become concrete innovations, job-creating businesses, patents, industries, and sustainable solutions serving our people.

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The phase we are launching today is a fundamental step.

The pre-selection process will identify projects that meet the criteria of scientific excellence, socio-economic relevance, technical feasibility, originality, and potential impact on national development.

To this end, the National Scientific Council will ensure a transparent, rigorous, fair, and impartial process based exclusively on scientific merit.

We want each candidate to be evaluated according to the quality of their project and not according to their origin, institution, or status. Science knows neither favoritism nor discrimination. It rewards excellence, creativity, hard work, and rigor.

I therefore invite all researchers, inventors, innovators, students, technology startups, laboratories, universities, research centers, and innovative companies to participate massively in this fourth edition.

The Democratic Republic of Congo needs your intelligence. It needs your discoveries. It needs your inventions. It needs your innovations. It needs your genius. Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We live in a world where the wealth of nations depends less and less on their natural resources and more and more on their capacity to produce knowledge, technologies, and innovations.

Our country possesses immense mineral, agricultural, energy, and forestry resources. But the Democratic Republic of Congo's greatest asset remains its human capital.

Investing in scientific research is investing in the future.

Valuing researchers is preparing for economic emergence.

Encouraging innovation is creating jobs.

Supporting inventors is building national technological sovereignty.

The National Scientific Council remains fully committed to this dynamic.

We will continue our efforts to strengthen the national research ecosystem, promote partnerships between universities, research centers, businesses, and public authorities, and foster the protection and application of research results.

I also appeal to technical and financial partners, the private sector, public institutions, and international organizations to provide greater support for Congolese scientific initiatives. This year, we wanted to encourage sponsorship from various partners, whom we thank.

Innovations are born in laboratories, but they truly transform society when they encounter effective mechanisms for financing, incubation, intellectual property protection, and industrialization.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The fourth edition of the Congolese Scientific Genius Forum must be one of maturity, excellence, and openness to productive innovation.

It must enable the emergence of projects capable of sustainably improving the living conditions of our population, strengthening our economy, and contributing to the scientific prominence of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

To all candidates, I would like to address this message:

Dare to innovate.

Dare to take initiative.

Dare to transform your ideas into solutions.

The National Scientific Council will always be by your side to promote scientific merit and support the talents who will make our nation proud.

As it is written in the Book of Proverbs, chapter 24, verse 3:

"By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established."

May this wisdom inspire our researchers.

May this understanding enlighten our innovators.

And may this fourth edition contribute to building a stronger Democratic Republic of Congo through science, technology, and innovation.

Long live Congolese scientific genius!

Long live the Democratic Republic of Congo!

Thank you

Activities of the Pre-Forum of Congolese Scientific Genius

Evaluations of research results, inventions and innovations at the Pre-FGSC

The Pre-Forum of the Congolese Scientific Engineering Forum opened on July 17, 2026, at the INA. Held in an atmosphere of scientific rigor and commitment, it marks an important milestone in the preparations for the 4th edition of the Congolese Scientific Engineering Forum (FGSC 2026).

This evaluation phase is part of the process for selecting and promoting research projects, inventions, and innovations led by Congolese scientists, researchers, inventors, and innovators.

First Day of Pre-Forum Evaluations: 25 Candidates Evaluated.

During this first day, the various judging panels reviewed several projects from a range of scientific fields. The candidates presented their work with professionalism, highlighting innovative solutions capable of addressing the development challenges facing the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Discussions between the panel members and the project leaders provided an opportunity to appreciate the quality of the research, inventions, and innovations produced by Congolese scientists.

This first day of evaluation demonstrates the vitality of Congolese scientific ingenuity and the authorities' commitment to promoting innovation as a driver of national development. The evaluation process continues in order to select the best projects, which will be presented during the 4th edition of the Forum. A total of 25 candidates were evaluated on this first day.

Second day of pre-forum evaluations: 24 candidates evaluated.

The second day of evaluations for the 2026 Congolese Scientific Engineering Pre-Forum (FGSC) continued on July 20, 2026, at the INA in a studious atmosphere, marked by the presentations of 24 candidates—both online and in person—before the evaluation panel.

As proponents of innovative projects in various fields, the candidates presented their creative initiatives, highlighting their



An innovator giving a presentation on her prototype to the evaluators



NSC President meets with innovators

relevance, feasibility, and potential impact on the country's development.

The jury members evaluated each project based on several criteria, including innovation, technical quality, economic viability, and prospects for implementation. Discussions between the evaluators and the candidates also provided useful guidance for improving the various projects presented.

For the evaluators, this process is an essential step in supporting innovators. They believe that this framework offers project leaders a real opportunity to join an incubator, where they can benefit from technical guidance, strengthen their entrepreneurial skills, and transform their ideas into concrete solutions.

The evaluators also emphasize that this approach facilitates access to funding mechanisms. Thanks to incubation support,

the most promising projects can be better structured and thus meet the requirements of financial partners and lending institutions, increasing their chances of securing the resources needed for their development.

According to the Deputy Coordinator for Scientific Affairs, Prof. MPIANA TSHIMANKINDA Pius, registrations are still open, and he hopes to exceed the numbers from the 2025 edition.

Through this initiative, the pre-forum reaffirms its commitment to promoting scientific research and showcasing Congolese inventions and innovations. The goal is to boost entrepreneurship through tailored solutions born of Congolese ingenuity.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is now pulling out all the stops to drive its socioeconomic growth.

Activities of the Pre-Forum of Congolese Scientific Genius

Day 3 of evaluations: 22 candidates evaluated by panels of top-level judges.

The third day of evaluations for the 2026 Congolese Scientific Genius Pre-Forum (FGSC) took place on July 21, 2026, at the INA, bringing together 22 candidates who came to present their projects to panels of expert judges, all of whom were university professors.

The innovators and inventors, representing various scientific and technological disciplines, presented original solutions addressing different development challenges.

The participants' enthusiasm remains exemplary. According to several jury members interviewed, the diversity and quality of the projects continue to impress. The Congolese truly possess a genius!

The evaluators were keen to reassure the candidates: no project will be abandoned. Innovations not selected at the end of this preselection phase will receive support from the Congolese Scientific Genius Incubator (IGSC) to be improved, structured, and transformed into viable entrepreneurial initiatives. The development of an ecosystem aimed at commercializing research results in the DRC is well underway.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) needs inventions and innovations "made in the DRC" more than ever to strengthen its technological autonomy, stimulate economic growth, and contribute to national development.

Taking the floor, the Chair of the Scientific Subcommittee, Professor Antoine TSHIMPI, stated that the Forum is open to all Congolese citizens with innovations and inventions. He encouraged researchers and creators not to let their ideas "gather dust" in drawers, while reassuring them that their work would be kept confidential and protected against any form of misappropriation. He also noted that the best projects would be awarded prizes, while the others would receive support from the IGSC to help them launch innovative businesses.

Day 4 of the Pre-Forum Evaluation: 31 candidates evaluated

The 2026 Pre-Forum of Congolese Scientific Genius (FGSC) reached a new milestone with the holding of its fourth evaluation day on July 22, 2026, at the National Institute of the Arts (INA). A total of 31 candidates presented



One of the evaluators' initial impressions of a prototype presented at this year's FGSC 2026



NSC President listens to innovators

their innovative projects to a jury composed of experts all university professors from various scientific and technological fields.

The day was marked by strong participation from male and female innovators and inventors presenting their projects, both in person and online. The discussions highlighted the dynamism of the Congolese innovation ecosystem and the participants' commitment to proposing concrete solutions to the country's development challenges.

According to the jury members, several high-quality projects caught their attention, particularly in the fields of the environment, logistics, industrial technology, robotics, artificial intelligence (AI)-assisted engineering, and other disciplines with significant potential for economic and social impact.

Speaking at the conclusion of the evaluations, one of the experts emphasized that the Congolese Scientific Engineering Forum

remains an inclusive platform, open to all innovators—whether they are researchers, students, professionals, or self-taught individuals. He also noted that the evaluations are conducted in the candidate's preferred language to allow everyone to fully express their potential. Discussions can thus take place in French, Lingala, Kikongo, Tshiluba, Swahili, English, or even Chinese when necessary.

The evaluator further reaffirmed that registration remains open. The main requirement for participation is to present a prototype, a process, or a concrete, demonstrable innovation that can be evaluated before being directed toward a process of incubation, maturation, and support.

Through these evaluation sessions, the FGSC 2026 reaffirms its ambition to identify the best talent, showcase Congolese scientific ingenuity, and build bridges between



Panoramic view of the Pre-Forum proceedings



A few FGSC coordination members alongside the innovators and their prototype

innovators, incubation centers, investors, and technical partners, in order to transform ideas into solutions capable of contributing to the socioeconomic development of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

5th Pre-Forum Evaluation Session:

17 candidates present their innovations

The fifth day of evaluations at the 2026 Congolese Scientific Engineering Pre-Forum (FGSC) was held at the National Institute of the Arts (INA) in Kinshasa. On this occasion, 17 candidates presented their innovative projects to a jury composed of experts—all university professors from various scientific, technological, and entrepreneurial fields.

This new stage of the evaluation process featured the presentation of several innovative projects, demonstrating the creativity, ingenuity, and ability of Congolese people to propose concrete solutions to the challenges of national development. The innovations presented spanned various sectors, including services, technology, the

environment, health, and entrepreneurship. Following the various presentations, the jury members praised the quality of the submitted projects. They affirmed that this fifth day of the competition once again confirms that ingenuity and innovative potential are very much alive in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In their view, this initiative provides an opportunity to identify, support, and promote Congolese talent. The evaluators also encouraged the government to strengthen this initiative by expanding it nationwide to identify innovators—even in the most

Through the Congolese Scientific Genius Pre-Forum, the organizers are continuing their mission to promote research, innovation, and invention in the DRC, while offering project leaders opportunities for incubation, protection of their inventions, and access to funding opportunities.

MAZONO Christian/CSN



Some evaluators appreciate the prototypes presented by the innovators

remote areas—and to highlight local knowledge that could contribute to the country's socioeconomic development. Furthermore, the jury members noted that an innovator is not defined solely by their level of education. They emphasized that the main criterion remains the ability to conceive and develop useful and original solutions. «A great innovator may be someone who has not followed a long academic path, but who possesses a creative mind and genuine expertise,»

Activities of the Pre-Forum of Congolese Scientific Genius

Marie-Thérèse SOMBO encourages innovators during her visit to the evaluation booths



ESURSI Minister Marie-Thérèse SOMBO stands next to an innovator explaining his prototype

The sixth day of evaluations for the 2026 Congolese Scientific Genius Pre-Forum (FGSC) was marked by a visit from the Minister of Higher Education, Universities, Scientific Research, and Innovation (ESURSI) on July 24, 2026, to the National Institute of the Arts (INA), where the evaluation of innovative projects is continuing.

Accompanied by the organizers and jury members, the Minister toured the various evaluation booths to observe the progress of the work and speak with the evaluators and project leaders. At each stop, she was presented with several innovations that highlighted the expertise, creativity, and technological potential of Congolese inventors.

Impressed by the quality of the prototypes designed and manufactured in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the Minister praised the efforts of the innovators, who demonstrate that the country possesses significant expertise capable of addressing the challenges of national development. She emphasized that certain particularly promising project leaders could benefit from specialized support or even professional opportunities,

depending on the quality of their innovations.

After touring the evaluation areas, the Minister spoke directly with the candidates. She was delighted to see that the majority of participants were young people, reflecting the emergence of a new generation of inventors and entrepreneurs committed to finding innovative solutions.

"I am hopeful and convinced that our country will take off thanks to these creative and ambitious young people," she said.

The minister also expressed her satisfaction with the large number of Congolese innovators and geniuses who, until now, had been little known to the general public. For her, this intellectual wealth is a source of true pride for the DRC and confirms the immense scientific potential the country possesses.

Concluding her visit, she congratulated all the innovators, inventors, and organizers for their commitment to promoting science, research, and innovation. Finally, she invited all participants to attend the Congolese Scientific Genius Forum in August 2026, which will showcase the best projects selected during this preliminary screening phase.



ESURSI Minister Marie-Thérèse SOMBO is given a tour during her visit to the 2026 Pre-Forum

This ministerial visit reinforces the government's commitment to supporting local innovation, promoting Congolese scientific genius, and making research a true driver of the DRC's economic and social development.

It should be noted that 40 innovators or inventors were evaluated on this sixth day of the Pre-Forum Evaluation for Congolese Scientific Genius.

Consort BELES/NSC

Activities of the Pre-Forum of Congolese Scientific Genius

The Jury has released the list of 265 innovations selected for the Forum

The Coordinating Committee of the 2026 Congolese Scientific Genius Forum (FGSC) released the results of the innovation evaluations from the Congolese Scientific Genius Pre-Forum on August 5, 2026, marking a decisive turning point for the competing inventors, researchers, and innovators.

In fact, of the 310 projects submitted both in person and online 265 were selected to participate in the final phase of the competition, the Forum itself.

The jury made its decisions with complete transparency, selecting only those projects that met a predefined scoring threshold. The selected innovators are invited to present their projects at the Forum, taking into account the comments and advice provided by the



A few FGSC coordination members at the announcement of the innovation results

experts during the pre-forum. This approach aims to enhance the quality and impact of the projects presented in the final phase.

The table below lists the candidates selected for the 2026 Congolese Scientific Ingenuity

Forum, with their inventions and innovations listed next to their respective names.

MAZONO Christian/NSC

2026 Pre-Forum: Photo Report

The Pre-Forum on Congolese Scientific Excellence was dedicated to identifying innovative projects. It brought together researchers, students, teachers, and academic leaders united by a common goal: to promote scientific research and innovation for the benefit of the DRC.

Through these images, relive the highlights of this event, which featured the participation of the ESURSI Minister, leaders of ESURSI institutions, innovators, and members of the scientific community.

Innovators are evaluated by university professors and experts in the various booths.

This photo essay captures the atmosphere of the event, which symbolizes a shared commitment to strengthening research, fostering innovation, and developing solutions tailored to the challenges of national development.



ESURSI Minister Marie-Thérèse SOMBO presents certificates of merit to the participants in the training program organized by the IGSC.



Group photo of ESURSI Minister Marie-Thérèse SOMBO with several ESURSI officials



Group photo of ESURSI Minister Marie-Thérèse SOMBO with several leaders of ESURSI institutions



ESURSI Minister Marie-Thérèse SOMBO presented the Certificate of Merit to NSC President Prof. MPIANA TSHIMANKINDA Pius for his participation as a trainer in the training program organized by the IGSC.



FGSC 2026 evaluators are reviewing an innovator's prototype



DIRCBA, Prof. Nadège NGOMBE, and several members of the Minister's staff



One of the innovators highly regarded by Forum members



An innovator from FGSC 2026 presents his project to ESURSI Minister Marie-Thérèse SOMBO



ESURSI Minister Marie-Thérèse SOMBO speaks with an innovator from FGSC 2026



Marie-Thérèse SOMBO, Minister of ESURSI, listened intently to a product presentation by an innovator from FGSC 2026

PUBLIC-SECTOR RESEARCH CENTERS AND INSTITUTES IN THE D.R. CONGO

RIHS (Research Institute in Health Science)

Objective: To improve the state of health of the population through research in the following fields: pharmaceutical, medical, anthropological, psychological or socio-cultural.
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ATSRC (Applied and Technologic Sciences Research Center)

Objectif: Mettre au point des matériaux, des appareils, des méthodes ou procédés Objectif: To develop materials, equipment, methods or processes with a view to finding solutions to the population's urgent problems in various fields: housing, rural development and the modernization of the society.
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RGHS (Research Center in Human Sciences)

Objective: To ensure the human development of the Congolese people through the study of its social, economic and political dimensions with a view to identifying the factors that have a positive or negative influence on its development.
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RCMT (Research Center in Mathematics Teaching)

Objective: To carry out research in the field of mathematics teaching with a view to improving quality.
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GRC (Geophysical Research Center)

Objective: To provide the country with a national geophysical observation network, for the global study of the internal behavior of the earth in the DRC.
Address: 44, Av. de la démocratie, C/ Gombe (within GMRC); E-mail: tondozi@gmail.com; Tel: 0854426228

AIPS (African Institute of Prospective Studies)

Objective: To carry out forward-looking studies in order to propose solutions to crises and problems linked to the evolution of African societies.
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MDRC (Multidisciplinary Development Research Center/Matadi)

Objective: To carry out operational research in central Congo in the field of applied linguistics of African cultures and applied sciences
Address: Hôtel de la porte Matadi; E-mail: Mwanzanicolas5@gmail.com; Tel: 0815037949

NCPIR (National Committee for the Protection of ionizing Radiation)

Objective: - Regulatory authority for protection against the dangers of ionizing radiation in the DRC management of radioactive sources of radioactive materials such as uranium.

Address: 4675, Av. Colonel Ebeya, Immeuble Quitus 2ème niveau; Email: Flory1963@gmail.com; Tel: 0816684665

AEC (French Atomic Energy Commission)

Objective: To carry out, promote and coordinate scientific and technical research in various fields of science and industry, concerning the use of atomic energy and space research.
Address: UNIKIN building; E-mail: Steve.muanza.kamunga@gmail.com; Tel: 0808643248

CGI (Congo Geographic Institute)

Objective: Production of the base-map of the DRC at a scale of 1/50,000 and its derivatives.
Address: 106, Blvd du 30 Juin, C/Gombe; E-mail: Fidele.balibuno@unikin.ac.cd; Tel: 0974449240

GMRC (Geologic and Mining Research Center)

Objective: To carry out studies and analyses to improve knowledge of the soil and subsoil of the national territory.
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NIASR (National Institute for Agronomic Study and Research)

Objective: To promote the development of agriculture in the Congo. To maintain varieties, multi-local trials, and its farmers, management and conservation of germplasm.
Set up a program to monitor and evaluate research activities.
To disseminate new varieties. Give the emerging technical department its reason for being, with a view to producing basic and pre-basic seed.
Resume publication of the agricultural magazine to disseminate research results.
Address: 13, Av. des Cliniques, BP :2037 KINSHASA, C/Gombe; E-mail: domikan-konde@yahoo.fr; Tel: 0818248620

RCALC (Research Center into African Language and Culture)

Objective: To coordinate and carry out all research projects concerning African languages and cultures.
Address: 53 C, Av. Makiso, blvd du 30 juin, Kisangani/ Tshopo. Tel: 0851934320

AFRC (Agro-Food Research Centre/Lubumbashi)

Objective: To identify processes for processing and preserving basic local agricultural products.
To improve the quality of imported or locally produced foodstuffs by applying approved standards and quality control.
Help the technological development of the existing agro-industry by providing them with technical assistance wherever possible.
Address: 1, Av. Président ILEO, Q/CRAA, C/Lubumbashi; E-mail: Julesnkulu@gmail.com; Tel: 0997131002

SSRC (Social Science Research Center / Bandunduville)

Objective: to carry out practical-scientific research into major socio-economic and cultural issues.
To promote sustainable aquatic development.
Address: 29, Av. de la mission, Q/Salongo, C/Basoko. BANDUNDUVILLE, BP. 223; E-mail: akuzituka@gmail.com; Tel: 0815898971

FERC (Forest Ecology Research Center /Mabali)

Objective: Scientific research on plants, aquatic species and animal species.
Address: D.S/MBANDAKA D.S/MBANDAKA/PROVINCE OF ECUADOR; E-mail: bosomboependi2@gmail.com; Tel: 0825241704

NDRC (Nutritional Diseases Research Center/Gemena)

Objective: Research into diseases linked to malnutrition, such as related diseases by isolating certain molecules, such as SYZYSIUM GUINESIE to combat amoebic yeasts and diarrhea in South Ubangi.
Address: Mobutu n° 220/A. GEMENA/ SOUTH UBANGI PROVINCE; E-mail: cherusan-gi@yahoo.fr; 0992416091

NSRC (Natural Sciences Research Center /Lwiro)

Objective: To carry out, promote and coordinate research in the fields of science, technology and industry throughout the DRC.
Address: LWIRO LWIRO, TERRITORY OF KABARE/SUD KIVU; E-mail: robert.kasisi@umontreal.com; Tel: 0996806699.

MDRC (Multidisciplinary Development Research Center /Bunia)

Objective: To carry out operational research in the north-east of the DRC in the fields of applied linguistics, African cultures and applied sciences.
Study of nature, fauna, flora and protection of endangered species.

Address: BUNIA/ITURI; E-mail: Kermwathomas@gmail.com; Tel: 0997717070

HRC (Hydrobiology Research Center in Uvira)

Objective: To program, coordinate and monitor research activities in hydrobiology, limnology and hydrology.
hydrobiology, limnology and fisheries in all ecosystems.
Address: 115, Av. du Congo, Q/Kimanga, C/Kalundu, UVIRA / SUD KIVU; E-mail: bida-kamuhoza@gmail.com; Tel: 0997716307.

CBRNEC (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Excellence Center)

Objective: To contribute to the mitigation of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear risks.

Address: 106, Blvd du 30 Juin, C/Gombe; E-mail: coe.cbrn.rdc@gmail.com; Tel: 0817742543.

GVO (Goma Volcanological Observatory)

Objective: Prevention of volcanic risks by monitoring volcanoes and Lake Kivu.
Kivu; Management of natural risks; scientific research.

Address: 142, Avenue Du Rond Point ; Quartier Les Volcans ; Commune de Goma ; Ville Goma; North-Kivu; E-mail: mavotulu@gmail.com; Tel: 0998584734

WERC (Water and Environment Research Center)

Objective: To serve as a training and research center focusing on water and environmental management.
To propose solutions to problems that could arise around water. Create a national network of Congolese scientists and researchers to analyze and disseminate information on the impact of climate change in the DRC. Promote education and the right to the environment.

Address: 44, Comité Urbain C/ GOMBE; E-mail: ngelipatience@gmail.com; Tel: 0818105625.

RCSARP (Research Center for the Selection and Adaptation of Ruminants and Pigs)

Objective: To carry out studies and research in the field of ruminant and pig breeding

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NCRS (National Center for Remote Sensing)

Objective: Research in remote sensing.
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NCRQS (National Center for Research in Oral Science)

Objective: To carry out studies and research in the field of oral health.
Address: 13, 10ème Rue, Industriel Quarter, C/Limete; E-mail: Cnrsbd.rdc@gmail.com; Tel: 0822244152; 081835159; 0840922982

CAS (Congolese Academy of Sciences)

Objective: Promotion and dissemination of science, technology, arts and letters.
Support for inventive initiatives.
Address: Sciences Faculty/ UNIKIN local 28; E-mail: jjmuyembet@gmail.com; Tel: 0813330242

MIPRC (Matadi Interdisciplinary Pedagogical Research Center)

Objective: -Information science.
Address: The buildings of the Matadi Higher Pedagogical Institute; Tel: 0896501462



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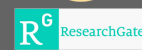
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