

GDN – Research Communications from & for the Global South

Five Year Strategy 2010-2014

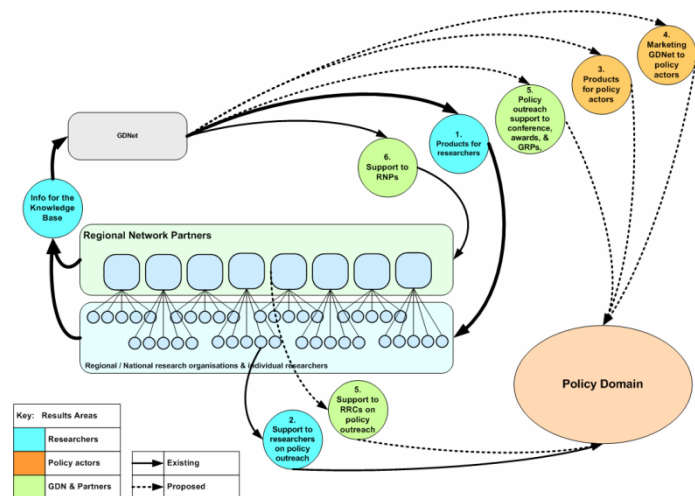
Vision: Policy processes better informed by outstanding research from the South

Mission: GDN is a knowledge hub that brings together and communicates policy-relevant research from the Global South. It aims to be an internationally recognized focal point/ knowledge broker for development research to inform policy debate. GDN is a partnership with regional networks and leading experts in the field. GDN provides access to on-line journals and data, synthesizes and communicates Southern research, and strengthens research communications capacity.

Core Values

- Foster **Southern ownership** – GDN wants to develop in such a way that our objectives are aligned with our regional partners’ objectives, and activities are jointly planned and monitored.
- Promote and strengthen a **Southern voice** – GDN is committed to amplifying the voice of researchers in the Global South. Together with our networks, we will provide channels to communicate research from the South.
- GDN will work to **empower researchers** from the Southern countries to access global knowledge and to engage in development policy debates.

Knowledge flows to support better policy



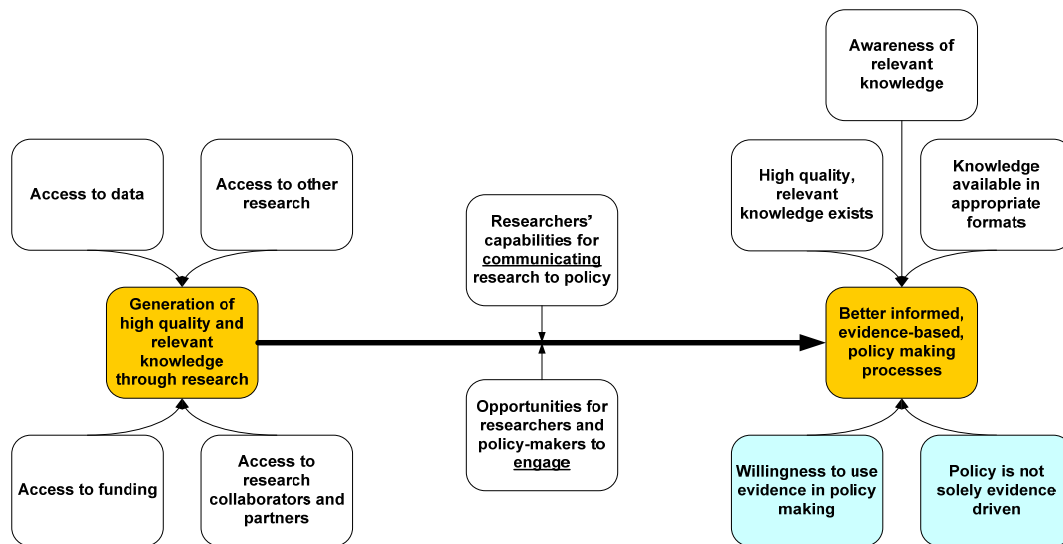
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Core Activities

- Knowledge Sharing – *Southern Perspectives*
- Capacity Building in *Research Communications to Policy*
- Collaborative Regional Communications Programs with *Regional Network Partners*
- Lesson learning on *Research Communication*

GNet Research Communications – Knowledge to Policy, a Theory of Change

GNet, as part of GDN, firmly subscribes to the premise that good policy research, properly applied, can accelerate development and improve people’s lives through informing better policy making. Thus, GNet’s outline theory of change is that supporting better research in developing and transition countries and communicating that research within the research community and hence to policy makers, will lead to better policy making in those countries as shown below:



Goal and Strategic Objectives

Goal: Better research enables better policy

Purpose: To communicate the best available development research output from the global south to inform policy

Strategic Objectives 2010 - 2014

- Southern research is better informed by current ideas and knowledge
- Researchers are better able to communicate their research to policy
- Knowledge networking between researchers and with policy actors increased
- Research better communicated to different, identified audiences
- Lessons about effective knowledge brokering in the global south learnt and communicated



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