

**First Announcement of Conference on  
*Utilisation of Research Findings:  
Strategies for Improving Return on R&D Investment*  
9 -10 October 2003  
Eskom Convention Centre  
Dale Road, Halfway House**

NACI has recently completed a strategically important study on “The Utilisation of research findings”. The study covered key conceptual issues, extensive empirical surveys of the extent and dynamics of utilisation as well as a number of policy recommendations. The findings of this study should make an impact on research and development in the country.

One of the means by which we want to disseminate and test these findings will be by hosting this conference. All senior management staff in the higher education, science council, government and private sectors are invited to attend this important conference. The keynote address on the relationship between utilisation of research findings and technology transfer will be delivered by a very prominent expert in research utilisation and technology transfer, Professor Barry Bozeman - Regents’ Professor of Public Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology. Other speakers will include South African S&T leaders from the public and private sectors. The draft programme is included.

#### **REGISTRATION**

This announcement serves to inform you of the conference and to invite you to register to attend the conference. Please complete and return the registration form to:

Deena Naidoo at Fax (012) 392 9353 or e-mail: [wb60@dacst5.pwv.gov.za](mailto:wb60@dacst5.pwv.gov.za).

By subsidising the costs we are able to offer you registration for the conference at R300 per delegate. This fee covers conference costs (including teas, lunches, and conference materials) as well as the conference dinner.

#### **METHOD OF PAYMENT**

The registration fee of R300.00 is payable to the: Department of Science and Technology. Payment may be made by deposit into the following current account:

Bank: ABSA  
Branch Code: 323645  
Account Name: Department of Science and Technology  
Account Number: 4056 183523

NOTE: Kindly fax a copy of the deposit slip with the following information:

- (1) Name of Delegate; and
- (2) “Ref.: Utilisation Conference, 9 October 2003”  
Fax : (012) 337 8037  
Attention: Elize Weweje

#### **CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION**

Registration closes on **Friday 5 September 2003**.