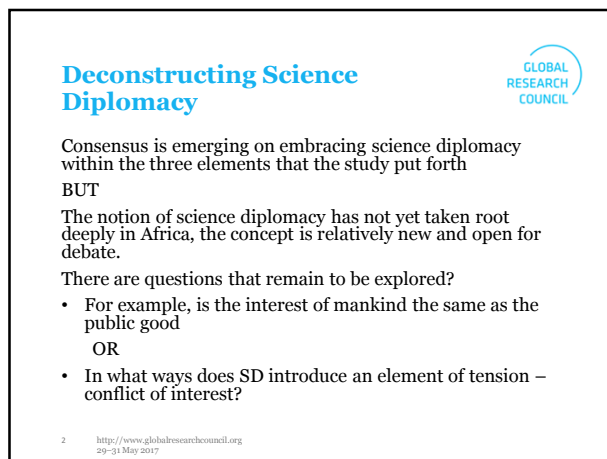


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## Science Diplomacy *Summary of Discussions*

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### Deconstructing Science Diplomacy

Consensus is emerging on embracing science diplomacy within the three elements that the study put forth

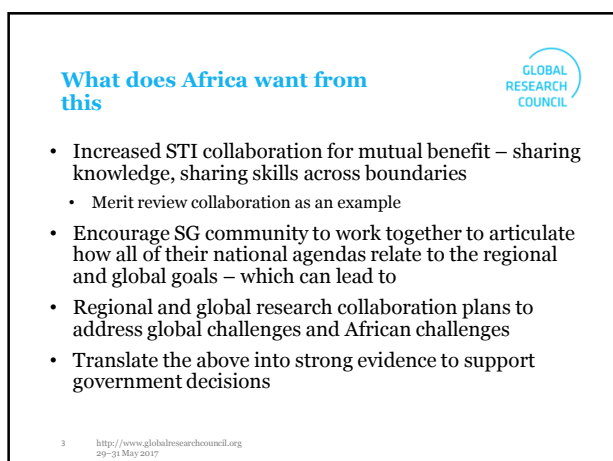
**BUT**

The notion of science diplomacy has not yet taken root deeply in Africa, the concept is relatively new and open for debate.

There are questions that remain to be explored?

- For example, is the interest of mankind the same as the public good
- OR
- In what ways does SD introduce an element of tension – conflict of interest?

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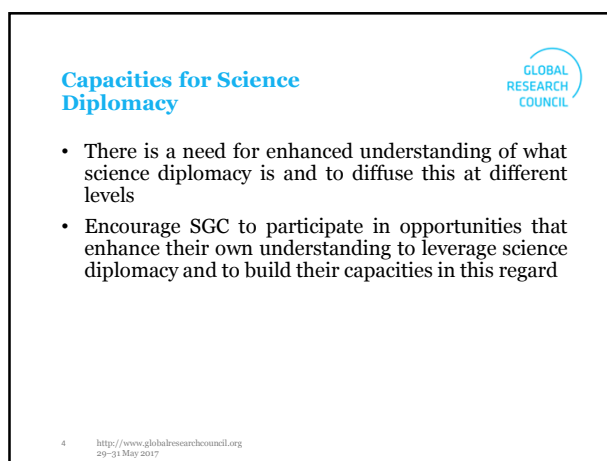


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### What does Africa want from this

- Increased STI collaboration for mutual benefit – sharing knowledge, sharing skills across boundaries
  - Merit review collaboration as an example
- Encourage SG community to work together to articulate how all of their national agendas relate to the regional and global goals – which can lead to
- Regional and global research collaboration plans to address global challenges and African challenges
- Translate the above into strong evidence to support government decisions

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### Capacities for Science Diplomacy

- There is a need for enhanced understanding of what science diplomacy is and to diffuse this at different levels
- Encourage SGC to participate in opportunities that enhance their own understanding to leverage science diplomacy and to build their capacities in this regard

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A starting point...  
**Knowledge sharing as a vehicle for  
diplomacy**



Important for SGC (and other science actors) to articulate the value of science and to communicate this widely

- Engaging politicians in debates and sharing information appropriately
- Engaging society through targeted knowledge sharing strategies