Gender equality & inclusion: At the heart of research and innovation for development

In Burkina Faso, the scientific research and innovation landscape is marked by low participation of women. Women researchers have limited access to funding and research results for wealth creation. The same holds for people living with disabilities. Addressing specific needs

Fonds National de la Recherche et de l’Innovation pour le Développement (FONRID), a leader in funding research activities and innovation through a gender and inclusion policy, dreams of an inclusive research environment that takes into account the specific needs of men and women for sustainable socio-economic development in Burkina Faso.

The transformation of the research environment implies a comprehensive vision that includes women and minorities (youth and people living with disabilities) in a global policy of capacity building and validation. This includes a gender policy and targeted actions to tackle gender inequality.

Impacting development

The change team envisages that positive discrimination for women and minorities, specific calls for projects for women, youth and people living with disabilities, and minimising the social barriers faced by these groups can contribute to building an inclusive and effective scientific environment that impacts development.

A call for youth projects has made it possible to fund research and innovation projects. This is an opportunity for young researchers to gain experience in managing funds and implementing research activities.