



African Universities' Role in Democratic Republic of Congo's Knowledge Production and Dissemination Strategy

Mandima Kalala¹, Kamwiro Mvududu²

¹ Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Official University of Mbuji-Mayi

² Official University of Mbuji-Mayi

Published: 04 February 2012 | **Received:** 28 September 2011 | **Accepted:** 13 January 2012

Correspondence: mkalala@gmail.com

DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.18973591](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18973591)

Author notes

Mandima Kalala is affiliated with Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Official University of Mbuji-Mayi and focuses on African Studies research in Africa.

Kamwiro Mvududu is affiliated with Official University of Mbuji-Mayi and focuses on African Studies research in Africa.

Abstract

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) faces significant challenges in its knowledge production and dissemination, particularly within academic institutions. A qualitative research approach was employed, involving interviews with key stakeholders including university administrators, researchers, and policymakers. Data were analysed using thematic content analysis. University engagement in DRC's knowledge production is predominantly focused on health sciences (80% of projects), followed by agriculture (15%). African universities play a crucial role but require more strategic integration into national policies to support the DRC's development goals. Universities should develop interdisciplinary research programmes, collaborate with international partners, and integrate community-based learning initiatives. Policy reforms are needed to incentivize such activities.

Keywords: *Africanization, Community Engagement, Decolonial Studies, Higher Education Policy, Knowledge Economy, Participatory Research, Postcolonial Theory*

ABSTRACT-ONLY PUBLICATION

This is an abstract-only publication. The complete research paper with full methodology, results, discussion, and references is available upon request.

✉ **REQUEST FULL PAPER**

Email: info@parj.africa

Request your copy of the full paper today!

SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH

Are you a researcher in Africa? We welcome your submissions!

Join our community of African scholars and share your groundbreaking work.

Submit at: app.parj.africa



Scan to visit app.parj.africa

Open Access Scholarship from PARJ

Empowering African Research | Advancing Global Knowledge