

## Introduction

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**ABSTRACT** Knowledge is the awareness and understanding of facts, truths or information gained in the form of experience or learning. It is an appreciation of the possession of interconnected details, which in isolation, are of lesser value. Several studies have pointed to the increasing significance of knowledge and indigenous knowledge systems (IKS) in sustainable development (SD) in Africa and the developing world in general. Despite the serious erosion of IKS over the decades in many communities in Africa, they are still most relevant and appropriate for promoting SD in the continent. A key aim of the conference was to catalyze a positive change in the minds of development cooperation policy-makers, administrators and stakeholders in both Africa and the developed world about the importance of IKS in sustainable development and poverty reduction.