## Research and Development in Algeria

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Algeria's Science and Technology (S&T) policy has relied on the idea that research is primarily linked with the education apparatus and that of higher education, in particular. These S&T programs cover a wide range of industries and sectors. However, an important shortcoming of the relevant structure and policy is that applied research, although most important for the economy, has not been kept close enough to industry. The network has been deficient, and the concentration on formal activities appears to have limited the benefits. Decentralization must be supported by changes at the microeconomic level. Proper research and development (R&D) management and greater mobilization of employees must be developed. If not, R&D or inventive, innovative activities will neither progress nor produce the desired effects on productivity and growth or development.