**Science in South Africa: the dawn of Renaissance?**

The article reports the findings of a scientometric analysis of South Africa’s research performance during the period 2000–2010. A multitude of government incentives had been introduced during the period and their effects appeared in the country’s research outputs. In contrast to earlier investigations, it was found that the country’s world share of publications is on the verge of reaching the highest contribution ever and that the country has improved its international ranking by two positions during the period and was ranked 33rd in the world during 2010. It is argued that, provided that the plan of the Minister of Science and Technology to increase the research and development (R&D) expenditure in the country materialises, South Africa was on the verge of its scientificrenaissance.

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