KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING THE LACK OF R&D INVESTMENT IN THE WORLD

WHO DOES IT AFFECT?

Industrialisation in the least developed countries is very slow: the aggregate industrial output per capita is $114, whilst in Europe and North America it is $4,938.

Over half the population is connected and 96.5% live in an area with mobile phone coverage.

HOW IS THIS DISTRIBUTED AROUND THE WORLD?

The 10 countries with the least investment in innovation are concentrated in Africa, Central America and South America:

![Bar chart showing the 10 countries with the least investment in innovation.

MAIN CAUSES

Not knowing that a country’s sustainable, inclusive and social development goes hand in hand with investment in R&D; budgetary cuts in some countries; and the bureaucratic difficulties in some regions for establishing new businesses.

HOW CAN WE PUT AN END TO IT?

The public sector and private companies must provide funds to enable investment in research; we have to restructure the education system in order to foster the creation of ideas and new projects; and we must establish standards that guarantee the sustainable management of projects and business initiatives and facilitate the procedures for forming new companies.