

Call title: Call for Africa

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Deadline: 14 January 2010 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time¹

Indicative budget² : Total call budget EUR 63 000 000, of which:

- EUR 39 000 000 from Theme 1 - Health
- EUR 6 500 000 from Theme 2 - Food, Agriculture and fisheries, and Biotechnology
- EUR 17 500 000 from Theme 6 - Environment (including climate change)

The budget for this call is indicative.

- The final budget of the call may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicative budget for the call;
- Any repartition of the call budget may also vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call.

The aim of this Call is to address some of the Science & Technology objectives of the "Africa - EU Strategic Partnership" putting emphasis on 'Water and Food Security' and 'Better Health for Africa '.

The topics of this call are implemented jointly by Theme 1, 2 and 6 as mentioned above. When applying for this call, please choose the relevant topic codes below.

Topics called

Theme/Activity	Topics called	Funding Schemes
Theme 1: HEALTH		
Activity 1.2 Translating research for human health	HEALTH.2010.2.3.2-4: Controlling malaria by hitting the vector: New or improved – Vector Control Tools	<i>Collaborative Project (large scale integrating project) for specific cooperation actions (SICA) dedicated to international collaboration partner countries. EC contribution per project: min. EUR 6 000 000 EC contribution per project: max. EUR 12 000 000. Only up to one proposal can be selected</i>

¹ The Director-General responsible for this call may delay this deadline by up to two months.

² Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2010 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

Activity 1.2 Translating research for human health	HEALTH.2010.2.4.1-4: Infectious agents and cancer in Africa	<i>Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation actions (SICA) dedicated to international collaboration partner countries EC contribution per project: max. EUR 3 000 000. One or more proposals can be selected</i>
Activity 1.3 International public health and health systems	HEALTH.2010.3.4-1: Develop and assess key interventions and policies to address the human resource crisis in the health sector	<i>Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation actions (SICA) dedicated to international collaboration partner countries. EC contribution per project: max. EUR 3 000 000. One or more proposals can be selected</i>
Activity 1.3 International public health and health systems	HEALTH.2010.3.4-2: Feasibility and community effectiveness of innovative intervention packages for maternal and new-born health in Africa	<i>Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation actions (SICA) dedicated to international collaboration partner countries. EC contribution per project: max. EUR 3 000 000. One or more proposals can be selected</i>
Activity 1.3 International public health and health systems	HEALTH.2010.3.4-3: Building sustainable capacity for research for health in Africa	<i>Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action). EC contribution per project: max. EUR 2 000 000. One or more proposals can be selected</i>
Activity 1.3 International public health and health systems	HEALTH.2010.3.4-4: Assessment of migrants' health, disease patterns and impact on health systems	<i>Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action). EC contribution per project: max. EUR 2 000 000. Only up to one proposal can be selected</i>
Theme 2: FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND FISHERIES, AND BIOTECHNOLOGY		
Activity 2.1: Sustainable production and management of biological resources from land, forest and aquatic environment	KBBE.-2010.1.-2-03: Sustainable water resources management (WRM) and soil fertility conservation for food production in Africa - SICA (Africa)	<i>Collaborative Project (large scale integrating project) for specific cooperation actions (SICA) dedicated to international collaboration partner countries EC contribution per project: max. EUR 4 000 000. Maximum one proposal can be selected</i>
Activity 2.2 Fork to farm: Food (including seafood), health and well being	KBBE.2010.2.2-03: Identifying research needs on malnutrition in Africa – (Mandatory Africa)	<i>Coordination and Support Action (supporting action). EC contribution per project: max. EUR 1 000 000. Maximum one proposal can be selected</i>
Activity 2.3 Life sciences, biotechnology and biochemistry for sustainable non-food products and processes	KBBE.2010.3.5-02: Coping with water scarcity in developing countries: Role of biotechnology in water treatment – mandatory ICPC (Africa)	<i>Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action). EC contribution per project: max. EUR 1 000 000. Maximum one proposal can be selected</i>

Activity 2.4	Other Activities	KBBE.2010.4-02: Networking of non-governmental organisations involved in agricultural research for development	<i>Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action). EC contribution per project: max. EUR 500 000. Maximum one proposal can be selected</i>
Theme 6: ENVIRONMENT (INCLUDING CLIMATE CHANGE)			
Activity 6.1 Climate Change, pollution and risks		ENV.2010.1.2.1-1: The effect of environmental change on the occurrence and distribution of water related vector-borne diseases in Africa	<i>Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation actions (SICA) dedicated to international collaboration partner countries. EC contribution per project: max. EUR 3 500 000. Maximum one proposal can be selected</i>
Activity 6.1 Climate Change, pollution and risks		ENV.2010.1.3.3-1: Early warning and forecasting systems to predict climate related drought vulnerability and risks in Africa	<i>Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation actions (SICA) dedicated to international collaboration partner countries. EC contribution per project: max. EUR 3 500 000. Maximum one proposal can be selected</i>
Activity 6.2 Sustainable management of resources		ENV.2010.2.1.1-1: Integrated management of water and natural resources in Africa	<i>Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation actions (SICA) dedicated to international collaboration partner countries. EC contribution per project: max. EUR 3 500 000. Maximum one proposal can be selected</i>
Activity 6.3 Environmental technologies		ENV.2010.3.1.1-3: Decentralised water supply and sanitation technologies and systems for small communities and peri-urban areas	<i>Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation actions (SICA) dedicated to international collaboration partner countries. EC contribution per project: max. EUR 2 000 000. Maximum two proposals can be selected</i>
6.3 Environmental technologies		ENV.2010.3.1.1-4: Water harvesting technologies in Africa	<i>Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) for specific cooperation actions (SICA) dedicated to international collaboration partner countries. EC contribution per project: max. EUR 2 000 000. Maximum two proposals can be selected</i>

- **Eligibility conditions**

- The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 of this work programme, and in the guide for applicants for each funding scheme. Please note that the completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable.
- The following additional eligibility criteria apply to the following funding schemes in this call³:

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Collaborative Project for specific cooperation actions (SICA) dedicated to international cooperation partner countries	At least 4 independent legal entities, of which, 2 must be established in different MS or AC and the other 2 must be established in different international cooperation partner countries (ICPC) from African ACP and the following Mediterranean Partner Countries (African MPC), Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia
Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action)	At least 6 independent legal entities, of which, 3 must be established different MS or AC, 2 of which are not established in the same MS or AC, and the other 3 must be established in different international cooperation partner countries (ICPC) from African ACP and the following Mediterranean Partner Countries (African MPC), Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia
Coordination and Support Action (supporting action)	

The budget limits shown in the above table are eligibility criteria.

- Only information provided in part A of the proposal will be used to determine whether the proposal is eligible with respect to budget thresholds and/or minimum number of eligible participants.

- **Evaluation procedure**

- The evaluation criteria and scoring scheme are set out in annex 2 of the work programme.

Proposal page limits: Applicants must ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the guide for applicants for the appropriate funding scheme, and in the proposal part B template available through the EPSS.

³ MS = Member States of the EU; AC = Associated country; ACP = African Caribbean and Pacific Countries; MPC = Mediterranean Partner Countries, African MPC countries = Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia.

The Commission will instruct the experts to disregard any pages exceeding these limits.

The minimum font size allowed is 11 points. The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left and right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).

- The evaluation shall follow a single stage evaluation procedure. Proposals are evaluated on the basis of the following three criteria: 1. S/T quality; 2. Implementation; 3. Impact. For each criterion marks will be given, with the possibility of 0.5 point scores. Successful proposals must pass the minimum thresholds as follows:

	Minimum threshold
S/T quality	3/5
Implementation	3/5
Impact	3/5
Overall threshold required	10/15

The result of the evaluation will be one ranked list per Theme. Only the most highly ranked proposal(s) above the minimum threshold per topic will be recommended for funding. Reserve lists of projects will be established per Theme to be used in case the negotiation for entering into a grant agreement fails.

The following points will be reflected in the evaluation: A multi-disciplinary and integrated approach, taking into consideration broader socio-economic factors, and the participation of appropriate stakeholders and local and/or regional actors are considered essential to achieving the expected impacts. The aim is to achieve a balanced level of participation for African countries in collaboration with their European partners. The evaluators will take into account the various geographical, sectoral and cultural differences which exist within Africa. A dedicated budget for clustering and coordination should be foreseen in the overall budget planning of each proposal.

- Independent external experts will carry out the individual evaluation of proposals remotely with the consensus meetings being held in Brussels.
- The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described below:
At the Panel stage, according to Annex 2 to the Cooperation work programme, proposals with equal overall scores will be prioritised according to their scores for the S/T quality criterion. If they are still tied, they will be prioritised according to their scores for the Impact criterion.
- The number of proposals that can be funded per topic is indicated in the above 'Topics called' table.

- **Indicative timetable**

Evaluations are expected to be carried out during the months of February-March 2010. The evaluation results will be available within four months after the call deadline mentioned above. The grant agreement negotiations for the shortlisted proposals are expected to be opened in June 2010. It is estimated that the first grants related to this call will come into force at the end of 2010.

- **Consortia agreements**

Participants are encouraged to conclude a consortium agreement prior to grant agreement.

- **The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates** which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme.

- **Additional Information**

In addition to this call, the International Cooperation activities of the Capacities Programme publish an INCO-NET - call (call identifier FP7-INCO-2010-1) aimed at expanding the geographical coverage and deepening the coordination and structuring activities of the CAAST-NET project⁴. This project was launched in January 2008 to increase the bi-regional S&T cooperation between European and the Sub-Saharan African Countries. The new INCO-NET call will offer the opportunity for the CAAST-NET project to support the interaction between the national and international programmes relevant to the topics covered by the call for Africa.

Flat rates to cover subsistence costs: In accordance with Annex 3 of this work programme, this call provides for the possibility to use flat rates to cover subsistence costs incurred by beneficiaries during travel carried out within grants for indirect actions. For further information, see the relevant guides for applicants for this call. The applicable flat rates are available at the following website: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html under 'Guidance documents/Flat rates for daily allowances'.

⁴ www.caast-net.org.