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Call for Proposals for Skills Development Projects Skills Initiative for Africa Financial Cooperation (SIFA FC)

The African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) hereby, under the Skills Initiative for Africa (SIFA) Financial Cooperation (FC), is funded by the Federal Republic of Germany and the European Union. According to the SIFA Operating Guidelines, Funding Window II is for employment-oriented skills development projects led by international companies in collaboration with national training providers aimed at achieving global quality skills standards to improve youth employability in *priority growth sectors*.

This Window supports investment projects that build the capacity of public and private training institutions to deliver competency-based skills training to strengthen employability and promote youth employment. It is planned to open Funding Window II (FW2) for Ethiopia, Ghana and Togo and select one grantee per country. Grant funding is provided up to 1.500.000 EUR per project with a matching counterpart contribution required of 30%.

Interested applicants are invited to respond to the SIFA FW2 open Call for Proposals on 24 January 2023 by submitting a Project Proposal for funding.

Potential Applicants

Eligible Project Proposals under Funding Window II must be based on a Partnership of a Lead Applicant and Primary and Secondary Partners. The Lead Applicant and Primary / Secondary Partners must demonstrate a clear partnership structure and added value of their cooperation.¹

The Lead Applicant must be an international company or a subsidiary of an international company that resides or plans to reside in the SIFA target country with its own business operations, such as services or manufacturing. This means the company must be operating in or planning to launch operations in Ethiopia, Ghana or Togo. Partnerships with the private sector are particularly encouraged to apply.

Call for Proposals Submission and Indicative Timeline

Applicants must submit a detailed application in time before the deadline for submission. SIFA uses the SmartME electronic platform for the preparation and submission of proposals. This tool is available to applicants on the SIFA website: www.skillsafrica.org.

¹ e.g., outlined and documented in a Cooperation Agreement

Process Phase	Timeline
Call Launch	24 January 2023
Electronic Platform Opens for Applications	24 January 2023
Call Closes	21 March 2023 at 23:59 SAST (GMT+2)
Technical Evaluation, Approval of Projects for Funding and Contracting	May / June 2023
Projects Start	August / September 2023

Interested applicants are asked to study the **SIFA FW2 Guide for Applicants** and **SIFA FW2 FAQs** to assist with their preparation of applications. Both are available on the SIFA website. Due to the high volume of enquiries, all enquiries will be answered by email by the SIFA Fund Management Team (FMT). All queries are to be sent via the Helpdesk Contact Form at www.skillsafrica.org. The contracting authority for SIFA FW2 is AUDA-NEPAD, working in close cooperation with the SIFA FMT provided by NIRAS – IP Consult in implementing SIFA FW2.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants are only eligible for this assignment if they fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

- a.** Have no conflict of interest in relation to the performance of this assignment.
- b.** Are not subject to, and not controlled by any entity or individual that is subject to, a temporary suspension or a debarment imposed by the African Union Commission, World Bank or any other multilateral development bank and being listed on the website www.worldbank.org/debarr or respectively on the relevant list of any other multilateral development bank. Further, they are not ineligible pursuant to a decision of the United Nations Security Council.
- c.** Have not been convicted by a final judgement or a final administrative decision or subject to financial sanctions by the United Nations or Country for involvement in a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorist-related offences, child labour or trafficking in human beings; this criterion of exclusion is also applicable to legal Persons, whose majority of shares are held or factually controlled by natural or legal persons who themselves are subject to such convictions or sanctions.
- d.** Are not being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by courts, having entered receivership, reorganisation or being in any

analogous situation.

- e.** Are not involved in corruption: offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, anything of value to influence the actions of another party improperly.
- f.** They have not been the subject of a judgment with the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the AUDA-NEPAD financial interests.
- g.** They have not been declared guilty of gross professional misconduct proven by any means that AUDA-NEPAD can justify.
- h.** Comply with their national tax and social security laws.

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