

ERAfrica

Joint Call for Evaluators



Do you have experience in European-African Research Cooperation?

Are you interested in the evaluation of S&T projects?

ERAfrica is looking for independent experts to participate in the evaluations of its Joint Call for Proposals.

Background

We are looking for experienced scientists and researchers, who are interested in supporting the peer review of applications to be submitted in response to the recent ERAfrica Joint Call for Proposals.

The ERA.Net ERAfrica is an EU funded **FP7 project** aiming at at promoting a **unified European approach to collaborating with Africa in the field of science and technology research for innovation and sustainable development.** ERAfrica forms part of the 7th Framework Programme suite of European research initiatives, and boasts as primary objective the creation of a "European Research Area Network" for the African continent, similar to other "ERA-Nets" operating in relation to areas as diverse as Russia (ERA.Net RUS), India (New INDIGO) and Korea (KorA-Net).

ERAfrica is going to publish a Joint Call for proposals in the three thematic areas ¹

- 1. Renewable Energies
- 2. Interfacing Challenges (e.g. health, food + energy security, telecommunication gap, societal challenges...)
- 3. New Ideas (thematically open, with focus on the novelty of the idea/approach).

¹ Please read more about the Joint Call on www.erafrica.eu.

Three types of collaborative activities can be funded: Research, Innovation, and Capacity Building. Some combination of the abovementioned activities is possible.

Countries that are participating in the ERAfrica Joint Call are: Austria, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Kenya, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Switzerland and Turkey

1. Required Skills

In order to serve as evaluator in the ERAfrica call, you must have proven experience in one or more of the following areas or activities:

- Management or evaluation of S&T projects;
- International cooperation in science and technology; development of human resources;
- Use of the results of research and technological development projects;
- Technology transfer and innovation.

Appropriate skill in usage of the **English language** is mandatory.

Knowledge of and **experience in European-African research collaboration** is considered an advantage towards selection as evaluator.

2. Evaluation Framework

The tentative period for the evaluation of proposals is May-August 2013.

Proposals will be in English language and about 20 pages long (no. of words is limited).

We offer **remuneration of 50 €** for each evaluation.

We expect up to 3 proposals per peer reviewer.

Selected peer reviewers will receive **online access to an online evaluation system** and to the respective documents. Evaluation will thus be done at a distance, with no subsequent physical peer reviewers meeting.

Detailed **guidelines for evaluators** will be provided.

3. Registration as evaluator

In order to become an evaluator for the ERAfrica Joint Call for Proposals, you need to register yourself in the **EVAL-INCO 2.0 Database**.

EVAL-INCO is a database of evaluators which is used to **facilitate the assessment of proposals for research projects** from transnational S&T calls. Currently more than 3000 evaluators from more than 60 countries are registered in EVAL-INCO. It has already facilitated the implementation of numerous joint calls in regional ERANets, i.e. BLACK SEA ERA.NET, ERA.NET RUS, KORA.NET, SEE-ERA.NET PLUS etc.

The EVAL-INCO 2.0 database is being maintained by the ERAfrica Funding Party PT-DLR².

For further information, please refer to the ERAfrica website at <u>http://erafrica.eu</u>.

You may register for the ERAfrica Joint Call under https://secure.pt-dlr.de/evalinco/

For further information, please contact the ERAfrica Common Call Management Secretariat at:

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² For further information , please consult our website www.erafrica.eu.