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New Opportunities

Call Title:	IMPACT AND INNOVATION IN COMMODITY CHAINS
Programme: Co	ommon Fund for Commodities (CFC)
Objective:	The Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) invites applications for financial support from projects that aim to transform commodity value chains and uplift smallholder and SME-based enterprises in CFC member countries. The CFC provides a variety of financial and technical support options to empower SMEs, cooperatives, International Commodity Bodies (ICBs), and other institutions, particularly those led by or supporting women in agriculture.
Eligible Activities:	Their mission is to alleviate poverty and create sustainable livelihoods in commodity- dependent communities, with a strong emphasis on supporting the poorest and most vulnerable in the global value chains, including in areas of production, processing, financing, marketing, and R&D. Successful applications should demonstrate tangible, sustainable impacts on the lives of low-income populations who depend on commodities, with particular focus on female smallholders and women-led enterprises. Quality project proposals from LDCs (Least Developed Countries), LLDCs (Landlocked Developing Countries) and SIDs (Small Island Developing States) will be given priority to alleviate more people from poverty.
Eligible	Eligible are SMEs/enterprises/businesses/cooperatives/financial
Applicants:	institutions/governments. Women entrepreneurs are especially encouraged to apply.
Total Budget: \$1,500,000 per project	
Deadline: 01/04/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.common-fund.org/call-for-proposals

Call Title:	NIGERIA-UK PACT COUNTRY FUND
Programme: UI	K PACT
Objective:	As a demand-led programme, the Nigeria-UK PACT Country Fund aims to align its support with the Government of Nigeria's existing plans and policies. Through consultation with the Government of Nigeria, UK PACT has identified key opportunities in the Climate Policy and Governance sector.
Eligible Activities:	 The following projects have been identified for funding within this call for proposals: Strengthening Climate Governance and Policy Implementation: Enhancing Nigeria's capacity in global climate negotiations Data and Monitoring for Climate Action: Building robust climate data and MRV systems Private Sector Climate Action: Enhancing private sector capacity for climate action Actions must be implemented in Nigeria.
Eligible Applicants:	They invite all organisations with relevant experience and expertise in delivering technical assistance projects in the climate policy and governance sector to register.

	This could be Think tanks, academic institutions, NGOs, private companies, professional associations or similar organisations that have the knowledge, skills and experience to deliver technical assistance projects relating to one of the thematic areas outlined. As of 2024, organisations operated on a for-profit basis can participate as a partner, both within a consortium or as the lead implementing partner of a proposal; however, projects must be delivered on a not-for-profit basis.	
Total Budget: £500,000 per project		
Deadline: 03/04/2025		
More information	https://www.ukpact.co.uk/news/uk-pact-call-for-proposals-nigeria-climate-policy-	
and official	and-governance	
documents:		

Call Title:	MEDITERRANEAN BASIN
Programme: C	ritical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)
Objective:	The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) is a joint initiative of l'Agence française de développement, Conservation International, the European Union, Fondation Hans Wilsdorf, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan and the World Bank. A fundamental goal is to ensure civil society is engaged in biodiversity conservation.
Eligible Activities:	The Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot is the second largest hotspot in the world and the largest of the world's five Mediterranean-climate regions. CEPF's investment strategy was updated in 2024. The resulting investment strategy (2025- 2030) is documented within the ecosystem profile. This investment strategy is comprised of a series of strategic directions, broken down into investment priorities outlining the types of activities that are eligible for CEPF funding. Actions can take place in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cabo Verde, Montenegro, Morocco, Tunisia, North Macedonia.
Eligible Applicants:	Non-governmental organizations, community groups, universities and small private enterprises may apply for funding. Individuals must work with civil society organizations to develop applications rather than apply directly.
Total Budget: €180,000 per project	
Deadline: 11/04/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.cepf.net/grants/open-calls-for-proposals/2025-mediterranean-basin- large-grants

Call Title:	CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR CIVIL SOCIETY IN SUPPORT OF
	TRANSPARENCY AND THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IN
	HONDURAS





Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships
Objective:	The overall objective of this call for proposals is to empower civil society organizations to actively engage in advocacy, oversight and decision-making processes that promote good governance, transparency and accountability, and strengthen the fight against corruption in public management at municipal, departmental and national levels.
Eligible Activities:	 The specific objectives of this call for proposals are: 1. Promote inclusive and gender-sensitive citizen participation and dialogue at the municipal level in the areas of transparency, accountability and the fight against corruption, particularly through the Citizen Transparency Commissions (CCT). 2. Improve social auditing of public infrastructure projects, ensuring in particular the inclusion of vulnerable population groups. 3. Contribute to transparency and anti-corruption policies, as well as to comprehensive and inclusive citizen reporting mechanisms for acts of corruption. Actions must take place in Honduras.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible organisations are: (1) non-profit-making; (2) be a civil society organisation; (3) and be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action.
Total Budget:	\$2,950,000
Deadline: 1	1/04/2025
More information and official documents:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/

Call Title:	FOREST GOVERNANCE MARKETS AND CLIMATE (FGMC2) PROGRAMME: ACCOUNTABLE GRANTS
Programme:	Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)
Objective:	The Forest Governance, Markets and Climate (FGMC) programme is the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's (FCDO) flagship global forest governance initiative. The FCDO manages the programme centrally from the UK and works with UK embassies abroad and partner country governments. The business case for a second phase (FGMC2) sets out a 10-year vision. The budget for the first period to 2029 has been approved by ministers.
Eligible Activities:	A Programme Management and Strategy Support Team (PMSST) will assist the FCDO in managing the programme, including the accountable grants scheme. Accountable grants will be awarded by FCDO but contracted by the PMSST. This enables a focus on learning and encouraging collaboration between the various projects supported across the entire programme.
	This call is inviting proposals for short concept notes from non-government organisations working to sustain global forests through policy action (for example, think tanks, advocacy groups and trade associations) whose actions are aligned to FGMC2 objectives. Organisations should be working to strengthen the civil society and private sector voice and capacities in national forest policy decision-making. For





	organisations working at national scale only (i.e., in one country), there will be other initiatives established under FGMC2 to support and develop local capacities. FGMC2 aims to build forest governance partnerships with up to 16 tropical forest countries as set out in the Business Case. In this first grants round they would welcome proposals that help to build coalitions of practice across Guyana, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos, China, Ghana, Liberia, Cameroon, Republic of Congo and DRC. The Concept Note guidance sets our further information in terms of any proposed country-specific actions. Proposals focused on action to inform and influence global processes is also welcome.
Eligible Applicants:	The FGMC2 accountable grants will be awarded to independent not-for-profit organisations only. This includes international and national non-government organisations (NGOs), federations and membership bodies. Government bodies (national, regional or local) and individuals are not eligible to apply.
Total Budget: €1,000,000	
Deadline: 18/04/2025	
More information and official documents:	https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding/forest-governance-markets- and-climate-fgmc2-programme-accountable-grants

Call Title:	NEXTGEN PEACEMAKERS (NEXT-P)
Programme: E	uropean Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	The global objective of this call for proposals is to strengthen sustainable, in-country capacities for effective conflict management and peacebuilding. The specific objective of this call for proposal is to empower civil society actors, in particular young women and men, to act as agents for positive change and peace in their communities and in the public arena.
Eligible	The priorities of this call for proposals are:
Activities:	 For Lot 1 (Guinea-Bissau) and Lot 4 (The Gambia) – Empowering young women and men as agents for positive change and peace: empowering inclusive and progressive local actors and initiatives for peace, reconciliation and/or social cohesion, in particular those representing or involving young women and men, also by promoting inspiring practices and narratives through different new and innovative channels. For Lot 2 (Liberia) – Strengthening the Youth Peace and Security agenda in Liberia: creating an inclusive and enabling environment in which young women and men safely and meaningfully participate in matters related to peace and security and/or in transitional justice processes. It is considered an added- value to address both aspects. For Lot 3 (Sierra Leone) – Fostering peaceful youth participation in more responsible and inclusive information systems: fostering the integrity of information systems at the grassroots level, also by educating young people on how to identify and counter information manipulation and violence incitement, and by encouraging youth participation in both traditional and new innovative spaces for dialogue and public debates.





	Actions must take place in Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Sierra Leone and The Gambia.		
Eligible	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2)		
Applicants:	be non-profit-making: non-governmental organisation or public sector operator and (3) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co- applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.		
Total Budget: €4	Total Budget: €4,000,000		
Deadline: 24	Deadline: 24/04/2025		
More information	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/		
and official			
documents:			

Call Title:	THEMATIC PROGRAMME FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN LIBERIA
Programme:	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	This call for proposals is divided into TWO LOTS: LOT 1 – Human Rights and Democracy LOT 2 – Support to Civil Society in Partner Countries
Eligible Activities:	LOT 1 – Human Rights and Democracy Lot 1 – Specific Objective 1: Business and Human rights – Support civil society organisations, duty-bearers and right-holders' participation in the implementation of national and international regulatory frameworks on Business and Human Rights. Lot 1 – Specific Objetive 2: Human Rights Defenders – Support the recognition, promotion and protection of human rights defenders in Liberia. Lot 1 – Specific Objetive 3: Transitional Justice – Support transitional justice processes in Liberia as a crucial step for the promotion of human rights, justice, peace and security, good governance, and development. LOT 2 – Support to Civil Society in Partner Countries Lot 2 – Specific Objective 1 – Promote good governance by strengthening Liberian civil society organisations' (CSOs) and community-based organisations' (CBOs) capacities to ensure informed and inclusive access to land and equal land-related economic opportunities. Lot 2 – Specific Objective 2 – Strengthen Civil Society Organisations working for the inclusion of vulnerable and marginalised youth Actions must take place in Liberia.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: a non-governmental organisation or civil society organisation and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.





Total Budget: €1,915,000	
Deadline: 25/04/2025	
More information	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/
and official	
documents:	

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Call Title:	PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN
	THE LAO PDR
Programme: E	uropean Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	 The global objective of this call for proposals is to contribute to the prevention and elimination of human trafficking in the Lao PDR. The specific objective(s) of this call for proposals are: 1. Raise awareness about the risks, signs, and prevention of human trafficking among the vulnerable populations, especially girls and women; 2. Improve the protection of human trafficking victims.
Eligible Activities:	The priorities of this call for proposals are prevention and elimination of human trafficking, and protection of victims. Proposals should respond to the specific priorities listed above, and must both apply a human-rights based approach, considering groups in vulnerable situations (e.g. persons with disabilities), and a gender-transformative approach as per the European Union principles and the GAP III. Cross-cutting issues include: promotion of human rights, gender equality, children's rights, the rights of persons belonging to minorities, the rights of persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups.
	Actions must take place in Laos.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making: civil society organisation (CSO) and its associations and (3) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
Total Budget: €	1,750,000
	8/04/2025
More information	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/
and official	
documents:	

Call Title:	CANADA FUND FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES (CFLI) – MARSHALL ISLANDS, MICRONESIA, NAURU, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SOLOMON ISLANDS AND VANUATU
Programme:	High Commission of Canada
Objective:	he CFLI is a program designed to support small-scale, high-impact projects in developing countries, which align with Global Affairs Canada's thematic priority areas for engagement. The program is directed at projects conceived and designed





	predominantly by local partners. Projects are selected and approved by the relevant Canadian embassy or high commission. The CFLI also serves to support positive bilateral relations between Canada and recipient countries and their civil societies, by deepening contacts and supporting local endeavours.
Eligible Activities:	All projects must align with at least one of the following CFLI thematic priorities: Inclusive governance, including diversity and 2SLGBTQI+, democracy, human rights and the rule of law. Peace and security, with a focus on conflict prevention and building peace. Growth that works for everyone, including women's economic rights, decent jobs and entrepreneurship, investing in the poorest and most vulnerable, and safeguarding economic gains. Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. Human dignity, covering health, education and nutrition. Environment and climate action focusing on adaptation and mitigation, as well as on water management. Actions must take place in Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants are: (1) local non-governmental, community and not-for-profit organisations; (2) local academic institutions working on local projects; (3) international, intergovernmental, multilateral and regional institutions, organizations and agencies working on local development activities; (4) municipal, regional or national government institutions or agencies of the recipient country working on local projects; and (5) Canadian non-governmental and not-for-profit organizations that are working on local development activities.
Total Budget: €1	.00,000
Deadline: 30	/04/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/funding-financement/cfli-fcil/micro- iles-marshall-nauru-palau-papua-ng-solomon-vanuatu.aspx?lang=eng

Call Title:	SOUTH AFRICA GRANTS
Programme:	Lord and Lady Lurgan Trust
Objective:	Lady Lurgan created the Lord and Lady Lurgan Trust in 1987, three years after the death of her husband. The Trust reflects the interests and lives of both Lord and Lady Lurgan who met through their love of music. The thematic focus areas of the Trust are: (1) music and arts education and participation; (2) deafness and other disabilities; (3) the elderly; (4) medical relief including hospice support; and (5) medical research.
Eligible Activities:	Most grants are awarded to projects in the UK (incl. Northern Ireland), but some grants are also issued for projects based in South Africa. Actions must take place in South Africa.





Eligible	The Trust only funds registered charities.
Applicants:	
Total Budget: £1	00,000
Deadline: 30/04/2025	
More information	http://www.lurgantrust.org/apply.html
and official	
documents:	

Call Title:	JUSTUS VON LIEBIG-AWARD FOR WORLD NUTRITION
Programme: Fo	oundation fiat panis
Objective:	The Foundation fiat panis is calling for nominations for the Justus von Liebig-Award for World Nutrition for outstanding achievements in the fight against hunger and poverty. The prize will be awarded to people or institutions which have made an outstanding contribution to the improvement of world nutrition or to alleviate the consequences of under- and malnutrition.
Eligible Activities:	 The following areas are of particular interest: scientific contributions to research and teaching in the field of agricultural or nutritional sciences and related disciplines, entrepreneurial and organizational services achievements of a humanitarian nature contributions to the communication of world food problem and possible solutions. Actions can take place worldwide.
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible are individuals and institutions.
Total Budget: €1	.00,000
Deadline: 30	/04/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.stiftung-fiat-panis.de/images/pr/JustusvonLiebig-Preis2025.pdf

Call Title:	GLOBAL INVESTIGATOR NETWORK
Programme:	ЕМВО
Objective:	The EMBO Global Investigator Network supports group leaders producing impactful research in the Life Sciences and who, at the time of application, are within their first six years of setting up their laboratories in Chile, India, Singapore or Taiwan. Through the EMBO Director's Special Fund, EMBO has opened the call to researchers based in African countries.
Eligible	Global Investigators receive four years of financial support for networking activities,
Activities:	including travel costs, and benefit from training opportunities, support for their lab members, participation in EMBO events, and mentoring. They become part of an





	 international network of more than 700 current and former EMBO Young Investigators, Global Investigators and Installation Grantees. This grant provides them with opportunities to form collaborations with scientists in their region and in Europe. Actions must take place in Chile, India, Singapore, or Taiwan or Africa.
Eligible Applicants:	Candidates applying for an Installation Grant must: (1) Have been independent research group leaders for at least one year and for less than six years on 1 January in the year of the application; (2) Have an excellent track record; (3) Have published at least one senior author research paper in an international peer-reviewed journal from independent work carried out in their laboratory.
Total Budget: €1	00,000
Deadline: 01	/05/2025
More information and official documents:	https://www.embo.org/funding/fellowships-grants-and-career-support/global- investigator-network/eligibility/

Call Title:	2025 ISTAT FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION
Programme: IS	STAT FOUNDATION
Objective:	The Foundation supports humanitarian causes that use the power of aviation to help save lives, promote human welfare and alleviate suffering. Their focus is on restoring the basic necessities and improving the well-being of those in need as a result of global disasters and/or afflictions. As such, the ISTAT Foundation supports non-governmental, not-for-profit organizations that provide air transportation for patients that have critical needs for medical treatment and cargo for humanitarian purposes.
Eligible Activities:	Educational Grants are intended to build and enhance awareness of diverse careers in aviation, inspiring the next generation to consider a future in the aviation industry. Humanitarian Grants are aimed at supporting charitable, nonprofit organizations that leverage aviation to save lives, promote human welfare, and alleviate suffering. Actions can take place in various countries worldwide.
Eligible Applicants:	 Who qualifies for an Educational Grant? Organizations registered as non-governmental, nonprofit entities and offer aviation-focused programs or projects. Applications are accepted from a variety of organizations, including: Museums, Educational Institutions/Universities, Industry Associations/Student Associations, Youth Organizations. Who qualifies for a Humanitarian Grant? Organizations registered as a charitable, nongovernmental entity focusing on aviation-related humanitarian prevention, relief, and/or recovery efforts for: Natural disasters (drought, floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, etc.); Human-generated disasters (conflict, social, industrial/transport accidents, etc.) or Health-related crises.





Total Budget: €100,000	
Deadline: 26/05/2025	
More information	https://istatfoundation.submittable.com/submit/319366/grants-program-2025
and official	
documents:	

Call Title:	EU-ARGENTINA TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN THE GREEN AND
	DIGITAL SECTORS (GLOBAL GATEWAY)
	European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships (IP)
Objective:	The overall objective of this call for proposals is: To contribute to the deepening of trade and investment relations between the EU and Argentina in the green and digital sectors.
Eligible Activities:	 The specific objectives of this call for proposals are: SO1: To increase the knowledge of Argentine and EU companies/entrepreneurs and authorities on the opportunities and business conditions relevant to GGIA in Argentina. SO2: To promote contact between GGIA actors (companies, authorities, financial institutions, civil society, etc.). SO3: To support European companies in GGIA commercial/investment projects along the value chain in Argentina. (SO3 is considered the highest priority objective and to which a greater part of the financial resources should be channelled.) Actions must take place in Argentina.
Eligible Applicants:	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be a specific type of organisation such as: non-governmental organization, think tank, chamber of commerce, industry association, business organization, thematic network dedicated to promoting international trade and/or investment and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.
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	0/05/2025
More information and official documents:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/

Call Title:	SUPPORT EU NETWORKS ACTIVE IN THE AREAS OF SOCIAL ECONOMY AND SOCIAL FINANCE (3-YEAR ACTION GRANTS)
Programme: European Commission (EC) - ESF+	
Objective:	This call aims to support the development of social economy and social finance in Europe. The action grants will contribute to building up the institutional capacity of





	stakeholders, delivering support to social economy actors (e.g. cooperatives, social
	enterprises), as well as those supporting the development of social finance (i.e.
	microfinance, social enterprise finance and social impact investing) in Europe.
Eligible	The beneficiaries under this call are expected to:
Activities:	a) support the Commission in its outreach activities at national and local levels,
	with the aim of ensuring awareness, contribution to and implementation of EU
	level policies and initiatives in the areas of the call,
	b) increase the beneficiaries and their members' capacity to contribute to policy
	design at EU, national and local levels, and
	c) provide expertise and data as regards the potential, needs, barriers and
	opportunities faced by organisations active in the areas of the call.
	Social economy entities, social enterprises and microenterprises are instrumental in
	the implementation of many of the European Pillar of Social Rights principles. In
	particular they play a key role in delivering the following principles:
	01. Education, training and life-long learning,
	02. Gender equality,
	03. Equal opportunities,
	04. Active support to employment,
	05. Secure and adaptable employment,
	09. Work-life balance,
	11. Childcare and support to children,
	17. Inclusion of people with disabilities,
	18. Long-term care and
	20. Access to essential services.
	20. Access to essential services.
	Actions must take place in EU member states + associated countries.
Eligible	In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must: be
Applicants:	legal entities (public or private bodies) and be established in one of the eligible
	countries.
-	3,300,000. They expect to fund between 8 and 10 proposals ranging between
€500,000 and €1,50	0,000 each.
	/06/2025
More information	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-
and official	tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ESF-2025-AG-NETW-
	<u>MF-SE</u>

Link to Previous Funding Newsletters

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