



## AfricaAdapt Knowledge Sharing Innovation Fund

Knowledge Sharing for Climate Change Adaptation in Africa

**Theme: 'What knowledge could help strengthen the adaptive capacities of small family farms in Africa?'**

**Do you have an idea for knowledge sharing among local communities in terms of adapting to climate change in agriculture?**

**The AfricaAdapt Innovation Fund will offer grants of up to US\$9,000 for adaptation activities and original initiatives for knowledge sharing that involve the participation of vulnerable communities.**

This document explains the purpose of the Innovation Fund and the procedure to respond to the call for applications.

### Presentation of the Innovation Fund

The Innovation Fund supports concrete adaptation activities on the ground coupled with knowledge sharing initiatives in order to document innovative, promising agricultural practices for Africa. It targets African researchers, civil society organisations, community-based organisations in rural or urban areas.

### Eligible themes

This third call for applications for the Innovation Fund is specifically dedicated to the theme of **climate change and agriculture**. It aims to help small family farms from various agro-ecological zones in Africa, given their importance in the livelihoods of the continent.

**Projects must submit proposals in connection with at least one of the sub-themes mentioned below. Integrating various sub-themes is an advantage.**

- Production and sharing of knowledge on agro-climatic tools (what local knowledge is required for the management of seasonal rainfall?)
- Production and sharing of knowledge on the use of local seeds to deal with the effects of climate change
- Production and sharing of knowledge on tools for managing soil fertility (CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration in soil is an advantage)
- Production and sharing of knowledge on tools for managing water resources
- Production and sharing of knowledge on tools for post-harvest management.

## **Eligibility of proposals**

Proposals should:

- Provide concrete solutions on a local scale to facilitate greater adaptability of small farms;
- Generate knowledge for adaptation to climate change;
- Propose measures for sharing knowledge among local people.
- Set aside at least 30% of the budget for funding concrete activities (investments related to the themes proposed above, see Eligible themes)
- Submit a letter of reference from a person of standing/an institution

Criteria for ineligibility:

- Agricultural projects that do not have a climate dimension;
- The operating costs (salaries, transportation, etc.) exceed 15% of the total budget for the project;

## **Selection procedure**

**Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of experts who will validate the proposals based on the criteria outlined below.**

- A. The applicant organisation is based in Africa. The call for applications is open to community-based organisations, civil society organisations in Africa. Interested organisations must be registered in their country of residence and provide proof of registration (date and place of registration). International organisations are eligible provided that they are registered in Africa and they are working in collaboration with partners in Africa. In this case, it is the partner organisation in Africa that should apply to the call for applications. Priority will be given to local organisations.
- B. Experience working in the field of climate change and agriculture
- C. Experience working with vulnerable groups
- D. Good communication and knowledge sharing skills
- E. Interest from marginalised communities to share knowledge
- F. Sustainability of the knowledge sharing strategy

**Project Duration:** The duration of projects should not exceed eight (8) months.

**Funding arrangements:** Eligible projects must propose a maximum budget of US\$9,000.

## How to Apply

The application procedure will be carried out in two stages:

- **1st stage:** the organisation must submit its expression of interest using the form below.
- **2nd stage:** shortlisted candidates must complete an application form, which will be provided by AfricaAdapt.

**Expressions of Interest** must be accompanied by a letter of reference signed by a person of standing/a recognised institution. You may send your application by e-mail (documents in Word or PDF format) to: [africaadaptinnovationfund2011@gmail.com](mailto:africaadaptinnovationfund2011@gmail.com). The documents must be received no later than **22<sup>nd</sup> August 2011**. You may also send your application by post before the deadline, as evidenced by the postmark, to the following address:

**AfricaAdapt Knowledge Sharing Innovation Fund**  
**S/C ENDA- Programme Energie Environnement et Développement**  
**54, rue Carnot**  
**BP 3370**  
**Dakar - Senegal**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** in the AfricaAdapt Knowledge Use and Sharing Innovation Fund**A. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Project Title:

Project Manager (the Project Manager receives and administers project funds) :

Manager's Name:

Postal Address:

Physical address:

Telephone (include country and area code):

Fax number (include country and area code):

E-mail address:

**B. PROJECT INFORMATION**

Project objective:

Planned activities:

Refer to: i) concrete adaptation activities ii) tools and strategies for knowledge sharing to reach the most vulnerable communities

Targets:

What are the projected targets? Quantifiable targets (if so, how many?)

Project duration (08 months maximum): The project duration corresponds to the time required for carrying out the activities

Country, city and target group:

Provide a brief description of your knowledge sharing activity in the above mentioned areas specifying the methodology and partners involved (500 words maximum).