Policy brief: AU-EU priorities for Research and Innovation

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Why discuss the policy context?

...through the application of scientific excellence criteria and based on a continental bottom-up open competition. The main features of this pilot programme include:

- A call for proposals that is open to **African researchers** in all areas of scientific endeavour. **Proposals should take into account the priorities of the AU-EU High Level Policy Dialogue on Science Technology and Innovation (Public Health, Green Transition, Innovation and Technology, Capacities for science),** and should demonstrate the capacity to deliver cutting-edge research, to be selected through a rigorous grant award process.

- The call for applications targets African researchers with 2 to 7 years of post-PhD.
Africa-EU partnership

• Since 2000, Africa-EU partnership
• 2007 Joint Africa-EU Strategy:
  • Human and social development
  • Agriculture and food security
  • Development of knowledge-based societies
• 2017 Abidjan declaration:
  • Investing in people – education, science, technology and skills development
• 2022 next summit
EU’s Strategy with Africa

• 2020 European Commission’s communication “Towards a comprehensive Strategy with Africa”
• Vision for upcoming EU-AU summit
• A partnership for sustainable growth and jobs:
  • Increasing access to quality education, skills, research, innovation, health and social rights
AU’s Agenda 2063

• 2013 African Union’s strategy “Agenda 2063”
• African governments’ joint vision for the future of the continent
• A Prosperous Africa, based on Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development:
  • Well Educated Citizens and Skills revolution underpinned by Science, Technology and Innovation
EU-Africa high-level policy dialogue on science, technology and innovation

• 2020 1st EU-AU research and innovation ministers' meeting
• Covid-19 context
• Identified key areas of R&I cooperation between the AU and the EU:
  • Public health
  • Green transition
  • Innovation and technology
  • Capacities for science
    • Open Science
    • Science advice for policy
    Gender in R&I
    Human capital development
Thank you!

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