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EU Horizon Funding Call for Green Transition Food Processing Africa

The EU has opened a call that focuses on strengthening sustainable and innovative food processing systems in Africa. This opportunity aims to improve nutrition, reduce food losses, and support entrepreneurship, particularly around underutilised crops, fisheries, and high-value chains such as cocoa and fruits.

The EU encourages proposals developed with partner universities that appear on its official list. Thus, building a solid, multidisciplinary team with these partners from the EU and Africa will put us in a strong position.

Expected outcomes:

- Improved food processing facilities using biotechnology, fermentation, renewable-energy-based processes and sustainable packaging.
- Reduced post-harvest losses and waste through circular approaches and valorisation of by-products.
- Strong contribution to EU–AU priorities, such as the Bioeconomy Strategy, Global Gateway, and the AU-EU Innovation Agenda.

Scope requirements include the following:

- Support start-ups and SMEs, including women, youth, and diaspora entrepreneurs, using cascading funding where relevant.
- Produce safe, nutritious food and increase biodiversity by expanding markets for underutilised crops.
- Link to AU-EU FNSSA initiatives and build on previous project outputs.
- Implement a multi-actor approach with researchers, farmers, processors (including the informal sector), NGOs, and other stakeholders.
- Collaboration with the European Commission's Knowledge Centre for Global Food and Nutrition Security (JRC) is encouraged.
- Projects may allocate financial support to third parties.
- Consider NDICI-funded regional centres of excellence where relevant.

Please note that the EU submission deadline is 14 April, which means that our internal deadline must be 6 April to allow time for institutional processes.

For additional information, please click [here](#) .