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EU Horizon Funding Call for the Impact of Climate Change on Health

The European Union has opened an exciting call that focuses on climate change and human health.

This call forms part of the 'Living and working in a health-promoting environment' programme and is aimed at improving health outcomes and resilience in the face of climate-related challenges. It is especially relevant for us as an institution, because the EU is actively looking to collaborate with low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), which includes South Africa.

Collaboration and consortiums

One of the key features of this call is teamwork across borders. The EU strongly 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.

What the call is looking for

The main goal is to develop practical ways to reduce the health impacts of climate change, strengthen resilience, and support inclusive, evidence-informed policymaking.

Each proposal needs to focus on **one** of the following areas:

- **Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Injury:** Exploring how climate-related events interact with NCDs or contribute to injuries (this excludes mental health for this category.)
- **Mental Health:** Understanding both the immediate and long-term mental health effects of climate stress, including emerging climate-linked conditions.
- **Infectious Diseases:** Examining how climate factors influence pathogens, vectors, and mobility patterns, including developing climate-resilient diagnostics.

How to approach the methodology

Depending on your focus area, proposals should ideally include the following:

- A **One Health** perspective.
- **Longitudinal research** that captures differences across regions, populations, and life stages.
- A focus on **vulnerable or exposed communities**, including social and geographic inequalities.
- Strong alignment with **FAIR data principles** (findable, accessible, interoperable, reusable).

Clinical studies can be included, but they will need additional details using specific EU templates.

Please note that the EU submission deadline is 16 April, which means that our internal deadline must be 6 April to allow time for institutional processes.

This call is a great opportunity to do meaningful and influential research that supports global policy while strengthening our institutional footprint. Should you wish to discuss this call, please feel free to respond to this email. I will gladly visit you in the faculty.

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