PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE TEMPLATE:

SA-EGYPT JOINT CALL FOR PROPOSALS IN

APPLIED RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PROJECTS IN DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Introduction:

In November 2019, South Africa’s Technology Innovation Agency (TIA), together with Egypt’s Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT), signed a collaboration agreement that is intended to further enable the promotion of targeted market-oriented research cooperation and technology innovation partnerships between the two countries.

Following from this, TIA and ASRT hereby invite interested participants to submit applied research and innovation project proposals in the domain of **Disruptive Technologies** with a focus on real-world solutions in **agriculture, water and health**.

Your completion and submission of this of this **Project Concept Note** to TIA and / or the ASRT, will enable TIA and ASRT to match you to a potential partner organisation in SA and / or Egypt. TIA and ASRT’s joint assessment of the Concept note, and the matching to partner will in turn enable you to complete a joint full application form.

Eligibility criteria:

To apply to this Call, the applied research and innovation project partners must meet the following criteria:

* 1. Are developing a new disruptive technology in the fields of agriculture, water and/or health.
  2. The proposed technology product, process or service must be innovative, and there must be a technological risk involved. In addition, there must at least be a proof of concept in place (e.g. prototype).
  3. Willing to enter into a partnership agreement with a partner organisation in SA and Egypt.
  4. Must be a registered start-up in line with the relevant SA and Egyptian legislation.
  5. Clearly show and motivate potential for SA and Egyptian markets.
  6. Have a civilian purpose.
  7. Have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the cooperation between the participants, (e.g. joint tech dev opportunities, commercial leads, access to markets etc).
  8. A signed Partnership Agreement is mandatory before the actual start of the project. The Agreement will include the ownership and use of know-how and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) settlements.

Please limit this concept note to a maximum of 5-6 pages.

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| **Applicants details** | | | |
| Company / Organisation names | |  | |
| Technology Area | |  | |
| Project name | |  | |
| Principal Investigator (PI) name and surname | |  | |
| Postal address | |  | |
| Physical address | |  | |
| Telephone / Mobile | |  | |
| Email | |  | |
| Date of application | |  | |
| 1. **Project Summary / Description** | | | |
| What is the problem that this project / technology product or service seeks to address? | | *[Between 300 to 500 words]* | |
| What are the key objectives and goals of the project, and the activities that will be implemented towards achieving those goals? | | [In 500 words or less, describe the key objectives, deliverables and activities of the project]] | |
| Technological Development | | [Indicate technology innovativeness, readiness and results expected from the technology envisaged] | |
| What is the expected impact / key outcomes of the project? (social and / or economic) | | *[Between 300 to 500 words]* | |
| Duration | | *[Over what time / duration will this project be implemented]* | |
| Other comments (if applicable) | | *[no more than 500 words]* | |
| **2. About your Company** | | | |
| [In 500 words, or less, provide a background of the company including, for example, date of establishment / registration; key operational focal areas / tech domain; size of team; annual turnover etc] | | | |
| **3. About your team** | | | |
| *[Please outline the qualifications and experience of your project team as they are related to your project plan and goals.]* | | | |
| **4. What kind of partner are you looking for?** | | | |
| **Name / Organisation Type** | **Envisaged Role in Project** | | **Country** |
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| **5. Budget (indicative)** | | | |
| *[What is the estimated cost of the project and what are the main envisaged budget line items?]* | | | |
| **6. Appendices (if applicable)** | | | |
| *List any supporting documentation that you are submitting as part of the Concept Note.* | | | |

**Applicant Name and ID Number:**

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**Signature of Applicant:**

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**Date:**

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