

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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