



Call open: LEA WEF Multilateral Research Programme: knowledge needed on integrated solutions in water, energy and food

Aim and objectives

The Long-term Europe – Africa WEF-Nexus Multilateral Research Programme (LEA WEF) is an international initiative focusing on the interconnections between water, energy and food (WEF) within the framework of sustainable development. Using the WEF nexus approach, the programme aims to manage and optimise the complex interdependencies between these sectors. This is critical to achieving security, inclusiveness, and sustainability in the supply and distribution of water, energy and food globally.

Purpose of the call

The production and distribution of water, energy and food are highly interconnected. The LEA WEF call aims to strengthen international knowledge and cooperation in order to enable sustainable transitions.

Main objectives:

- Developing and connecting knowledge to increase the societal impact of research
- Exploring new development paths
- Finding ways to accelerate transitions to sustainable development

The Call aligns with the objectives of the LEA WEF multilateral research programme. It furthermore focuses on two subthemes:

1. **Climate Change Adaptation** and
2. **Just Energy Transitions**

Applicants are expected to focus on one or both subtheme(s), within the context of the WEF Nexus. A detailed description of the aims, objectives and selection procedure is available in the call for proposals.

This research programme calls on knowledge institutions, societal stakeholders and practitioners to form broad consortia that cooperate in research projects. In a consortium, the entire knowledge chain from fundamental to applied and practice-based research is represented, as well as expertise from societal partners.

You can read more about the call for proposals and download it [by clicking on this link](#).



Countries participating in the Call for proposals

Consortia should consist of applicants from at least three participating countries and include at least one practitioner partner from a public, semi-public or private institute.

List of participating countries and funding organisations:

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| Burkina Faso | Fonds National de la Recherche et de l'Innovation pour le Développement (FONRID) |
| Côte d'Ivoire | Fonds pour la Science, la Technologie et l'Innovation (FONSTI) |
| Ethiopia | Ministry of Innovation and Technology (MinT) |
| Ghana | Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI) |
| Kenya | National Research Fund (NRF K) |
| Mozambique | Fundo Nacional de Investigacao (FNI) |
| Netherlands | Dutch Research Council (NWO) |
| South Africa | National Research Foundation (NRF) |
| Tanzania | Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) |
| Zimbabwe | Research Council of Zimbabwe (RCZ) |

Important dates

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| Information webinar | 7 October 2024, 11:00 – 12:30 CEST/SAST, 12:00 – 13:30 EAT, 09:00 – 10:30 GMT |
| Online matchmaking session | 7 November 2024, 12:00 – 14:00 CET, 13:00 – 15:00 SAST, 14:00 – 16:00 EAT, 10:00 – 12:00 GMT |
| Partnership request form | 4 November 2024, at 14:00:00 hours CET |
| Deadline concept note | 11 February 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CET |
| Deadline full proposal | 14 July 2025, at 14:00:00 hours CEST |

Information webinar

An online information webinar will be organised on October 7th, 2024. During this meeting we will provide more information on the conditions of the call, national eligibility requirements and the application procedure. We will also be able to answer any questions you may have about the programme. Please register [here](#) for the information meeting.

Matchmaking session

On 7 November 2024 the LEAWEF funding partners will organise a matchmaking meeting for prospective applicants. The matchmaking is aimed at researchers, from the entire knowledge chain and various disciplines, private and public partners and other interested parties. To best facilitate matchmaking, a matchmaking platform has been set up alongside an online meeting. You will automatically be invited for the matchmaking session if you register [here](#) on the B2Match platform.

Registered initiatives from those who have submitted a partnership request form, will be invited to present their idea or initiative during the matchmaking. You are invited to submit a partnership request form [here](#) on the website of NWO.

Contact information

For any questions about the call for proposals, you can contact the Joint Call Secretariat by sending an email to: LEAWEF@nwo.nl.

