

Africa-UniNet

Webinar - 6th Call for Research Cooperation Projects

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Africa-UniNet Office

6th Africa-UniNet Call

- Open since 1 September 2025
- <https://africa-uninet.at/en/activities/the-6th-call-2025>
- Applications have to be submitted via the StipOnline portal before the deadline.
- Deadline: **30 November 2025, 13:00 PM CET**

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"Maßnahmen zur Internationalisierung" of the
BMBWF. GZ: BMBWF-2024-0.205.097 →

What are the objectives of a project?

- Africa-UniNet promotes **excellent research** based on **mutual knowledge exchange**. While the thematic scope of the cooperative research projects is not restricted, they set out to contribute to the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
- At the same time, they enhance the **scientific foundation of the involved institutions** and reinforce the formation of the **network**.
- Research projects must be **new**. The project may build on previous Africa-UniNet projects if fundamentally new research questions or methodologies are applied. Revised applications of previously rejected Africa-UniNet projects are allowed.
- Africa-UniNet aims to contribute to the creation of an environment that fosters international collaboration between researchers and institutions **beyond the duration** of individual projects. Key indicators and results from the projects are considered to be **joint publications**, as well as **further collaborations and follow-up projects**.



Who can apply and who can participate?

- Only **researchers (PhD holders)** who are affiliated to an **Austrian Africa-UniNet member institution** are eligible to **apply for, submit and coordinate** a project. The project coordinator that submits the project proposal will also assume overall responsibility for **coordinating the project and for reporting**. The funds are to be handled via a **bank account of the institution**.

On this website Africa-UniNet members post possible topics and contacts for research cooperation proposals for the 6th Call:
<https://africa-uninet.at/en/activities/the-6th-call-2025/matchmaking-for-proposals>

Who can apply and who can participate?

- The **project coordinator** must hold at least a **PhD**. All participating researchers must either be **PhD students** or **PhD holders**. Master students are not eligible to participate.
- Researchers from at least **one Austrian and one African member institution** must be involved in each project. All participating institutions must be **active Africa-UniNet members**, i.e. they must have paid the membership fee 2025.
- **New:** Only **one application** may be submitted per **project coordinator**. There are no restrictions as to how many applications per institution can be submitted.

What is the project duration and maximum funding amount?

- Project duration: **24 months**
- Maximum funding amount: **40,000 euros** per project
- Earliest possible start: July 2026
- Latest possible start: December 2026

What are the eligible costs?

- Mobility costs
 - Incoming mobility costs | travel from the partner country in Africa to Austria
 - Outgoing mobility costs | travel from Austria to the partner country in Africa
 - Only incoming and outgoing mobility eligible as mobility costs
- Material costs up to a maximum amount of **5,000 euros** for the entire project duration
- Maximum funding amount: **40,000 euros** per project
- **Please note:** Project funding is only intended as a grant and is not designed to cover the entire costs of the project. As stipulated in the Special Guideline on the “Maßnahmen zur Internationalisierung/Measures for Internationalisation” (GZ: BMBWF-2024-0.205.097) the grant recipient must ensure the implementation of the project through the use of **appropriate own funds**. This must be clearly presented in the financing plan. **If no own funds are indicated in the financing plan, the application will be considered incomplete and will not meet the formal eligibility criteria.**

Eligible costs | Incoming and Outgoing mobility costs

Travel from the partner country in Africa to Austria | Travel from Austria to the partner country in Africa:

1. Travel costs to Austria | Travel costs to partner country in Africa:

- ✓ The cheapest reasonable means of transport
- ✓ Covers the journey to the partner institution and back home
- ✓ Max. 2,000 euros per person per return trip, including:
- ✓ Flight costs incl. airport taxes (economy class only)
- ✓ Travel costs to and from the airport
- ✗ No further travel financing is provided
- ✗ No fees for seat reservation
- ✗ No CO2 compensation
- ✗ No costs for visa and travel insurance

Eligible costs | Incoming and Outgoing mobility costs

Travel from the partner country in Africa to Austria | Travel from Austria to the partner country in Africa:

2. Allowance for the stay in Austria | Allowance for the stay in African partner country:

- ☒ Daily allowance of max. 180 euros per person per day
- ☒ Max. 2,160 euros per person per month
- ☒ Max. duration per person per stay is 3 months
- ☐ No further costs can be reimbursed

Eligible costs | Material costs

- ✓ Max. 5,000 euros for the entire project duration
- ✓ Only if essential and specifically relevant for the project
- ✓ Only consumables can be reimbursed: *e.g.: test kits, chemicals, research permit, data acquisition, vehicle rent for field research, publication costs*
- ✗ No infrastructure or basic equipment: *e.g.: no laptops, no telephone or internet costs, no staff costs, no honoraria for participants*

How to apply for projects?

- Only **researchers (PhD holders)** who are affiliated to an **Austrian Africa-UniNet member institution** are eligible to **apply for, submit and coordinate** a project
- Applications have to be submitted via the **StipOnline portal** before the deadline
- The application must be submitted in English language.
- The basic data for the project and all project participants (including their birth dates) must be entered in this portal and the application documents uploaded. The documents to be uploaded are:
 - ✓ **Project Proposal** (pdf) – **max 12.000 words**
 - ✓ **Abstract** (pdf)
 - ✓ **Financing Plan** (excel file) – complying with the guidelines, completed in full
 - ✓ **CV of the Project Coordinator** (pdf)
 - ✓ **Letters of Endorsement of ALL participating institutions** (as one pdf)

How to apply for projects?

- The templates for the **project proposal** and the **financing plan** provided on the Africa-UniNet website must be used.
- Please copy the **abstract** from the project proposal and upload it as a separate pdf document.
- You may use or adapt the templates for the **CV of the project coordinator** and the **letters of endorsement** to suit the needs of the respective project coordinator/institution. However, please ensure that all relevant content is included as stated in the respective template.

Application documents

- Similar to earlier calls, small changes

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Project Proposal

1. Project Overview

Project Title			
Acronym			
Cooperating Countries			
Name of Project Coordinator			
Form of Address	Ms. ☐ Mr. ☐ Mx. ☐		
Academic Title (at least PhD)			
Email Address			
Institution (must be in Austria)			
Name of Partner Coordinator			
Form of Address	Ms. ☐ Mr. ☐ Mx. ☐		
Academic Title (at least PhD student)			
Email Address			
Institution			
Please insert lines for further partners.			
No. of All Involved Institutions	Austrian Institutions	African Institutions	Total
Planned Project Start	Earliest possible start: July 2026; Latest possible start: December 2026		
Duration in Months	24		
Total Costs Applied (€)	Max. EUR 40,000.00		

Financing Plan

Africa-UniNet Financing Plan 6th Call 2025										oead Agency for Education and Internationalisation
Project Titel:										
Project Coordinator AT:										
Partner Country/ies:										
Total Costs Requested for Funding by Africa-UniNet	Total Costs									
Total OUTGOING Costs	0 €									
Total INCOMING Costs	0 €									
Total Material Costs	0 €	Max. 5.000€								
Sum	0 €	Max. 40.000€								
OUTGOING Costs Requested for Funding by Africa-UniNet		From Austria to Partner Country			Travel Costs: Only costs for the cheapest reasonable means of transport to the host institution and back will be recognised. E.g., flight in economy class and travel costs to and from the airport. Costs for visa and travel insurance cannot be reimbursed. Max. amount for travel costs: EUR 2,000 per return trip.			Max. EUR 180 euros per day spent working on the project/ Max. EUR 2.160 euros per month. The maximum duration per person per trip per stay is three months. No further costs can be reimbursed.		
No. (One person and trip per line)	Year of Mobility	Name of Austrian Team Member including Academic Title	Gender	PhD student or PhD holder?	Travel from (Respective Home Institution in Austria)	Travel to (Respective Host Institution in Partner Country)	Funding of Travel Costs Max. amount for travel costs: EUR 2.000 per return trip.	Estimated Duration of Stay in Days The maximum duration per person per trip per stay is three months.	Funding of Accommodation and Subsistence Max. EUR 180 per working day. Max. EUR 2.160 per month.	Total Costs
Example	2025	Dr. Resi Researcher	female	Post doc	University of Austria	University of Partner Country	1.500 €	5	600 €	2.100 €
1.										0 €
2.										0 €
3.										0 €
4.										0 €
5.										0 €
6.										0 €
Sum										0 €
INCOMING Costs Requested for Funding by Africa-UniNet		From Partner Country to Austria			Travel Costs: Only costs for the cheapest reasonable means of transport to the host institution and back will be recognised. E.g., flight in economy class and travel costs to and from the airport. Costs for visa and travel insurance cannot be reimbursed. Max. amount for travel costs: EUR 2,000 per return trip.			Max. EUR 180 euros per day spent working on the project/ Max. EUR 2.160 euros per month. The maximum duration per person per trip per stay is three months. No further costs can be reimbursed.		
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Example	2025	Dr. Steven Scientist	male	Post doc	University of Partner Country	University of Austria	1.500 €	20	2.160 €	3.660 €
1.										0 €
2.										0 €
3.										0 €
4.										0 €
5.										0 €
6.										0 €
Sum										0 €

Financing Plan

Material Costs of the Project Requested for Funding by Africa-UniNet	Year of Costs	Type of Material Only, if essential for the project objectives. Only consumables can be reimbursed, e.g.: test kits, chemicals, research permit, data acquisition, vehicle rent for field research, publication costs; No infrastructure or basic equipment, e.g.: no laptops, no telephone or internet costs, no staff costs, no honoraria for participants	Total Costs
Example	2025	Vehicle rent for field research, 5 days à EUR 70	350 €
1.			0 €
2.			0 €
3.			0 €
4.			0 €
Sum			0 €

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Estimated Total Costs of the Project** (excluding staff costs)	Total Costs
Total OUTGOING Costs	
Total INCOMING Costs	
Total Material Costs	
Total Other Costs	Costs that do not belong to outgoing / incoming / material costs, but no staff costs and no overhead.
Sum**	0 € Must be higher than the amount requested by Africa-UniNet

** The estimated total costs of the project must be higher than the total amount requested

Please list the additional funding sources, excluding staff costs. Multiple entries are possible.

- a) the partner university
- b) the Austrian coordinating university from its own resources
- c) the project participants private funds
- d) further funding
- e) other (please specify)

Example		Visa costs for Dr. Scientist	a	100,00 €
Example		(Additional) Material Costs	b	2.800,00 €
1.				
2.				
3.				
Sum				0,00 €

StipOnline

- Do not register or apply last minute
- In case of technical problems email to Africa-UniNet
- If application can not be sent, send documents to Africa-UniNet per email

Application Form

Africa-Uninet Call for Funding



Africa-UniNet funds collaborative research projects between researchers from active Africa-UniNet member institutions in Austria and in African countries. Only researchers (PhD holders) who are affiliated to an Austrian member institution are eligible to apply for, submit and coordinate a project. Researchers from at least one Austrian and at least one African member institution must be involved in each project. All participating institutions must be active Africa-UniNet members, i.e. they must have paid the membership fee 2025. Africa-UniNet promotes excellent research based on mutual knowledge exchange. While the thematic scope of the cooperative research projects is not restricted, they set out to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Special Guideline on the "Maßnahmen zur Internationalisierung/Measures for Internationalisation" (GZ: BMBWF-2024-0.205.097) of the Federal Ministry of Women, Science and Research (BMFWF), which was published in 2024, defines the formal requirements for a cooperative research project.

Applications can only be submitted via this online portal. The basic data for the project and all project participants (including their birth dates) must be entered in this portal and the application documents uploaded. Only one application may be submitted per project coordinator.

Please refer to the [Africa-UniNet Call website](#) for further information.

Closing date of this call: 30 November 2025, 13:00 pm CET

In case of difficulties with the application platform, please contact africa-uninet@oead.at.

Information for the registration process below

Modify existing application: To finalize an already started application, please login via this button.

Apply with existing user: If you have already registered for the application platform and you know your login details, please login via this button.

Apply with new user account: To register with a new account, please use this button. Please note down your login details. You will need them for the further application process.

Login or forward to registration.

Name of call for vacancies

If you have already an account please login.
Otherwise please continue to registration.

Login

Password

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[Forgot password](#)

Application Form

Please complete your information and submit the application request.



Data of coordinator

Academic degree (prefix) <-- Choose -->

First name

Surname

Academic degree (affix) <-- Choose -->

Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ X/Non-binary

Date of birth

E-mail

Repeat e-mail

Person is a member of staff (employee) at an Austrian higher education or research institution. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Nationality <-- Choose -->

Home country Austria

Home institution <-- Choose -->

If your institution is not listed please contact us via africa-uninet@oead.at.

- ☐ I understand that the minimum requirement for the Project Coordinator is a completed PhD. All project team members must at least be PhD students or PhD holders. Bachelor and Master students are not eligible for funding.
- ☐ I understand that the project has to contribute to the internationalization strategies of the involved institutions as well as to the internationalization strategy of the BMFWF.
- ☐ I have sufficient language skills to coordinate this project.
- ☐ I understand that the funding will only be transferred to institutional accounts. The reimbursement of all project-related expenses will be handled by the Austrian project coordinator.
- ☐ [optional] I hereby agree that the OeAD may contact me as an evaluator for future project proposals. There is no obligation to carry out an evaluation and I can withdraw my consent at any time via email.

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Edit application

Please fill in this application form with your project data. Kindly note that all sections need to be completed before you can submit your application. The submit button will appear at the bottom of the page.

Click on the ? symbols next to some of the data fields for more details. Please make sure to read the information provided there.

For technical issues, please contact: stiponline-support@oead.at

For any programme-related questions, please contact the responsible Programme Officer.

Project data

Call number

Project title (English)

Abstract

Application for additional funding ☐ Yes ☒ No

Project start: today

Project start range: 01.07.2026 - 31.12.2026

Project end:

Duration: 24 months

Scientific discipline level 1 <-- Choose -->

Scientific discipline level 2 <-- Choose -->

Scientific discipline level 3 <-- Choose -->

Contribution 1 to SDGs <-- Choose -->

Contribution 2 to SDGs <-- No choice -->

Contribution 3 to SDGs <-- No choice -->

Number of team members in Austria

Number of team members in partner country

Total budget €

Assigned data

1	Institution of project coordinator	Show/edit data
1	Project coordinator	Show/edit data
1	Partner institution(s)	Show/edit data
1	Partner coordinator(s)	Show/edit data
0	Project participants in Austria	Show/edit data
0	Project participants in partner country	Show/edit data
0	Upload of mandatory documents	Show/edit data

Attention!

Please note that the application can only be considered if it is complete and has been submitted by the deadline! Applications that have not been submitted will not be considered in the application process. Once submitted, you cannot make any further changes to the application.

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Edit application

Please upload the following documents:

- Project Proposal (pdf)
- Abstract (pdf)
- CV of the Project Coordinator (pdf)
- Letters of Endorsement of ALL participating institutions (as one pdf)
- Financing Plan (excel file)

The templates for the project proposal and the financing plan must be used. Please copy the abstract from the project proposal and upload it as a separate pdf document. You may use or adapt the templates for the CV of the project coordinator and the letters of endorsement to suit the needs of the respective project coordinator/institution. However, ensure that all relevant content is included as stated in the respective template. Please note that the application must be submitted in English.

Upload of mandatory documents

Project proposal (pdf)	Select data		Download template
Abstract (pdf)	Select data		
CV (pdf) of the project coordinator - SURNAME, Firstname	Select data		Download template
Letters of endorsement of all involved institutions (compiled as one pdf)	Select data		Download template
Financial plan (excel)	Select data		Download template
Additional documents (optional)			add an attachment

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Checklist on Formal Requirements

- Guidelines for Applicants
- E.g.,
 - All participating institutions must be active Africa-UniNet members, i.e. they must have paid the membership fee of the respective year.
 - All participating researchers must either be PhD students or PhD holders. Master students are not eligible to participate.
 - The maximum funding amount of EUR 40,000 per project must not be exceeded.
 - Maximum costs for travel, daily allowance and material must not be exceeded.
 - The use of own funds (Eigenmittel) has to be indicated in the financing plan.

Selection Process

- The Africa-UniNet Office at OeAD will check whether the formal requirements of the project applications have been met.
- Formally correct proposals will be evaluated by 2 **independent reviewers** between January and April 2026.
- The reviews will consist of a **scoring matrix** (max. 100 points) and **narrative assessments**. Evaluation criteria will be:
 - Project Design and Scientific Quality, Cooperation and Partnership (max. 50 points)
 - Contribution to the SDGs and Added Values (max. 20 points)
 - Results and Sustainability (max. 20 points)
 - Risk Management and Cost-Effectiveness (max. 10 points)
- Ranking on the basis of the **average score of the reviews** (maximum score 100).
- The list of selected projects has to be **approved by the General Assembly and the BMFWF**. This is envisaged to take place in June 2026.
- Earliest possible start of the projects: **July 2026**. Latest possible start of the projects: **December 2026**.

Disbursement of Funds

- 50% after the contract has been signed
- 25% after approval of the mid-term report
- Max. 25% after approval of the final report

- Disbursement of funding only to the institutional account (no disbursement to private accounts).

Reporting

- All projects must submit a **mid-term** as well as a **final report**.
- Each report must include a **scientific and a financial report** (templates from Africa-UniNet website).
- The reports must be in **English** (receipts/invoices translated).
- The reports must be submitted by the **project coordinator** within **2 months** after the end of the reporting period.
- Failure to report will result in termination of the Africa-UniNet project and the requirement to return undocumented funds to OeAD.

Questions & Answers

Matchmaking

- Are you looking for a cooperation partner for the 6th Africa-UniNet Call?
- Please provide a brief statement of your research interest (2-3 min)
- On this website Africa-UniNet members post possible topics and contacts for research cooperation proposals for the 5th Call: <https://africa-uninet.at/en/activities/the-6th-call-2025/matchmaking-for-proposals>

Thank you!

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