

LIRA 2030

Africa

Call for scientific and non-academic reviewers

Deadline: 25 November 2016

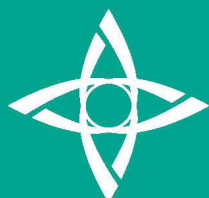
The New Urban Agenda is now adopted. To ensure that science can effectively contribute to the implementation of this Agenda, the International Council for Science in partnership with the Network of African Science Academies, and the International Social Science Council **will support 10 collaborative research projects across Africa (to the value of up to 90,000 Euro each over two years) in 2017. These projects are expected to generate new solutions-oriented knowledge that will help develop new urban paradigms in Africa and make African cities more resilient, adaptable and healthier.**

These projects will be supported as part of the 5-year programme "Leading Integrated Research for Agenda 2030 in Africa – LIRA 2030 Africa", that seeks to increase the production of integrated (inter- and transdisciplinary), solutions-oriented research on global sustainability by early career scientists in Africa.

Earlier this year the LIRA 2030 Africa programme launched a call for pre-proposals on the understanding the "Energy-Health-Natural Disasters" nexus in African cities. Following this call, ICSU received 165 applications from diverse research teams in Africa. Following the scientific review, 35 pre-proposals have been identified, representatives of which attended a training event on trans-disciplinary research on 3-7 October 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya. The training focused on strengthening scientific capacity to undertake trans-disciplinary research and communicate its results, to enable researchers to build meaningful inter- and trans-disciplinary projects and to support the development of full proposals. Following the training, participants are expected to develop and submit full proposals by 30 November 2016. Ten successful collaborative projects will be announced early 2017.

We are now looking for scientists and non-academic experts with expertise in energy systems, air pollution, health, provision of health services, climate mitigation and adaptation, land use and urban planning, and disaster risk reduction in the urban environment to review full proposals between Nov 2016-mid Jan 2017. Experience in inter- and transdisciplinary research would be of value. Guidelines for review will be provided.

You can also contribute to our efforts in making African cities more sustainable and resilient by reviewing proposal(s). If you are interested, please contact katsia.paulavets@icsu.org by 25 November. Thank you!



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