**BioInnovation Africa**

**Expression of interest**

Expression of Interest for the cooperation with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH through its BioInnovation Africa project.

Please submit the filled form to [bioinnovation@giz.de](mailto:bioinnovation@giz.de) until 20 June 2023 COB.

You may contact us via email ([bioinnovation@giz.de](mailto:bioinnovation@giz.de)) for any additional questions.

## Administrative and organisational information of applicant

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| Name of organisation: |  |
| Address (of headquarter): |  |
| Legal form: |  |
| Date of establishment: |  |
| Number of employees: |  |
| Annual turnover of last 3 years in EUR: |  |
| Main fields of activity:  *(max. 100 words)* |  |
| Contact person (name, functional title, phone, email): |  |
| Experience of organization in similar projects, sector and regions (incl. years of experience):  *(max. 300 words)* |  |
| Website |  |
| *To be completed by African companies only*  Business links to European companies: |  |

* 1. **Project proposal / Technical description**

The BioInnovation Africa (BIA) project (phase II) is looking for partners with concrete and economically viable proposals to advance business opportunities in Africa, in line with the objectives of the BIA project and the UNCTAD BioTrade principles.

The BIA project is particularly interested in proposals that seek to:

* develop new ingredients or new applications of ingredients derived from African biodiversity in sectors such as food, cosmetics and pharmaceuticals, flavors and fragrances;
* strengthen and improve existing supply chains for export to Europe (*export readiness*);
* capacitate local suppliers to meet demands and requirements of the international market;
* introduce and implement a recognized requirement for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use – oriented by the respective (draft) "National Guidelines on the Use of Benefit Sharing for Biodiversity Conservation";
* strengthen the capacities, equal representation and active engagement of women and other marginalized groups further up the value chain (transformative approaches are highly welcome);
* improving processing capacities in the provider countries, e.g., through technology transfer;
* advance compliance with ABS rules and regulations in Africa; and/or
* render concrete impacts within a period of two years and clearly defined milestones until 05/2024 (especially for Cameroon and Madagascar).

## General information on project application

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| Title of the project: |  |
| Beneficiary country and region:  (Possible beneficiary countries: Cameroon, Madagascar, Namibia, South Africa) |  |
| Short project description:  *(max. 150 words)* |  |
| Total budget in EUR per partner (African and European): |  |
| Project duration:  (MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY) oder (in months) |  |

## Project outline

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| Project rationale and background:  (Please describe the challenge(s) you aim to target in the Partner Country(ies) )  *(max. 300 words)* |  |
| Planned project and activities:  (Please describe   * the beneficiaries, incl. number of beneficiaries; * other relevant project partners in the country; * the implementation approach and * planned key activities.)   *(max. 500 words)* |  |

## Project impact

Please briefly explain if and how proposed activities are aligned with UNCTAD BioTrade principles.

Principle: Biodiversity conservation; Sustainable use of biodiversity; Fair and equitable benefit sharing, Local economic development; Compliance with national and international laws; Respect for human, labor, and indigenous rights; Clarity about land tenure. More information see: [UNCTAD BioTrade principles](https://unctad.org/en/Docs/ditcted20074_en.pdf) or [www.uebt.org](http://www.uebt.org)

Please briefly explain how the proposed project contributes to local development.

E.g., generation of jobs, improvement of livelihoods supply chain actors

Please briefly explain how the proposal contributes to biodiversity conservation and its sustainable use and its reference with respective frameworks (standards, certifications, management plans, etc.).

E.g., sustainable collection practices, regeneration and reforestation, etc.

Please indicate estimation of area size (in ha) of collection/cultivation area, resp. area of regeneration under improved biodiversity management.

Please briefly explain compliance status with applicable rules and regulations on ABS.

E.g., what is the legal framework in the country/ies of the proposed project, which ABS rules and regulations are applicable and how are they addressed.

Please briefly explain how the proposal contributes to strengthen the capacities, equal representation and active engagement of women and other marginalized groups as well as equity along the supply chains.

## Planned financing and budget of the proposed project

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| Project implementation and roles:  (In case of multiple partners please clearly separate and briefly describe who (which partner or party) will implement which activities of the project.) |  |
| Expected costs: | |
| Own contribution by the applicant(s):  (Please indicate by whom (in case of more than one partner), what amount (in EUR), in-kind or financial.) |  |
| Required public financing (by GIZ) in EUR: |  |
| Additionality:  Please indicate why the project could not be implemented without public funding.  *(max. 100 words)* |  |