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**Call for Proposals: The African Think Tank Platform (ATTP) Project**

The African Union (AU) Commission invites applications from African Think Tanks to participate in the Africa Think Tank Platform (ATTP) Call for Proposals. The ATTP project is a five-year, $50 million initiative by the African Union, with funding from the World Bank, aimed at enhancing the capacity and influence of think tanks across Africa.

**Key Objectives**

* To establish a sustainable platform for effective cooperation and harmonization on regional policy issues among country-level policymakers, regional blocs, and think tanks across Africa.
* To encourage collaboration in policymaking for regional integration priorities that offer significant positive externalities and reduce negative ones.
* To conduct policy research on six priority themes that align with the AU’s Agenda 2063, the World Bank's Africa Strategy, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a strong emphasis on gender.

The initial priority themes include ***economic transformation and governance***, ***climate change***, ***food security***, ***regional trade***, ***human capital***, and ***digitalization***. These themes may be updated during the implementation of the ATTP project, subject to approval by the Think Tank Platform Steering Committee (TTPSC), to address emerging demands on the continent.

**Expected Outcomes**

* **Short-Term**
  + Operational Think Tank Platform, engaging policymakers and researchers.
  + Increased research on priority issues, with a focus on motivating female researchers.
  + Enhanced capacity for regional policy coherence.
* **Medium-Term**
  + Improved policymaking and implementation of continental, regional, and national plans across Africa.
  + Strengthened collaboration among think tanks, policymakers, and stakeholders.
* **Long-Term**
  + Sustainable development through evidence-based policies.
  + Achieving the goals of the AU Agenda 2063.

**Eligibility Criteria**

* Think Tanks must apply as a consortium comprised of 3-5 African think tanks, with a lead think tank.
* Applications should include comprehensive activities in at least four of the six priority themes.
* Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to aligning with and contributing to regional integration priorities, which involve addressing regional and cross-border issues, harmonizing research and policy endeavors, and supporting regional cooperation.
* All applicants must be African Think Tanks with established organizations registered in one of the 55 African countries.
* All required call for proposal documents must be submitted in English.
* Firms or individuals declared ineligible or sanctioned by the World Bank are excluded from participation.

**Required Documents**

Interested Think Tanks are expected to submit the following information when submitting their Proposal:

* Completed ATTP Call for Proposal Application Form
* Legal registration for each consortium member
* Board of trustees formation for each consortium member
* Audited financial reports (up to three years) for each consortium member
* Signed Commitment Letter from all consortium members and the lead organization confirming adherence to the consortium plan and commitment to ensuring participation and task execution according to the plan
* Project Work Plan and Budget
* Curriculum Vitae (CV) of Consortium Coordinator
* CV of Deputy Consortium Coordinator
* CVs of Research Team Members (top 2 experts from each think tank)
* Past Research and Engagement Experience

**How to Apply**

* All interested applicants should read the Frequently Asked Questions [LINK] to ensure they understand the application process and what is expected.
* All interested applicants can download the call for proposal documents using the following link: [LINK]
* All interested applicants should submit their application using the following link: [LINK].

**Application Timeline**

* **ATTP Call for Proposals Release Date**: Monday, 30 June 2025
* **Submission of Call for Proposals Deadline**: Friday, 22 August 2025

**Contact Information**

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