



Funding Opportunities for Collaboration with Africa

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- **” Africa-EU partnership – Finnish and EU policies for cooperation with Africa”** (Johanna Toivonen de Gonzales/ University of Turku)
- **“Erasmus+ & Horizon Europe funding opportunities”** (Ville Myllynpää/ University of Turku)
- **Higher Education Partnership (HEP) & Team Finland Knowledge (TFK) programmes** (Anna Björnberg-Michelsson on behalf of Kaija Pajala/ Finnish National Agency for Education)
- **“Finding and Approching International foundations”** (Alec Thurnham & Maaria Manyando/ University of Helsinki)
- **International organizations & databases** (Anna Björnberg-Michelsson/ Aalto University)
- Brief Q&A session
- Closure

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World Bank

Knowledge for Chance Program (KCP)

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/knowledge-for-change>

KCP IV's priority areas focus on the World Bank's IDA19 special themes:

- jobs and economic transformation
- fragility, conflict, and violence
- climate change
- gender and development
- governance and institutions
- cross-cutting issues: debt and financial fragility, human capital, technology, and disability

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United Nations sub-organizations

- UN Foundation (<https://unfoundation.org/who-we-are/our-approach/>)
- UN Research Institute for Social Development, UNRISD (<https://www.unrisd.org/>) - policy-relevant, cutting-edge



African Academy of Science (AAS)

- Their vision is to see transformed lives on the African continent through science.
- They fund game changing ideas and innovations to transform Africa.
- Currently they don't have any open funding opportunities, follow the upcoming calls here: <https://www.aasciences.africa/funding>

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

- IFAD grants support research, innovation, institutional change and pro-poor technologies. They are closely linked to our country programmes and often support connections between different initiatives in a country.
- Grant recipients include research organizations, centres of excellence involved in rural poverty reduction, NGOs, governments, and private sector and civil society organizations.
- They extend two types of grants, depending on the nature of the innovation and the scope of intervention: global or regional grants, and country-specific grants
- <https://www.ifad.org/en/grants-design-and-management>



International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

IDRC offers grants, funding, and awards to researchers and institutions to find solutions for global development challenges.

Through calls for research proposals, the IDRC funds projects that aim to foster climate-resilient food systems, global health, education and science, democratic and inclusive governance, and sustainable and inclusive economies in developing countries. Gender equality and inclusion are also central to its strategy and the research it supports.

<https://www.idrc.ca/en/funding>

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The World Academy of Science (TWAS)

TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences (Individuals)

- Grants are awarded to promising high-level research projects in **Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics** carried out by **individual scientists in one of the S&T-lagging countries** (Country list: <https://twas.org/node/2329>).
- Duration 24 months, max. funding 15 000\$. More info: <https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-research-grants-programme-basic-sciences-individuals>

TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences (Groups)

- Same as previous call, but for research groups
- Duration 24 months, max. funding 30 000\$. More info: <https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-research-grants-programme-basic-sciences-groups>

Seed Grant for New African Principal Investigators (PIs)

- Programme is aimed at young scientists who are getting established in their country or about to return home to an academic position. Under this scheme, grants are awarded to promising high-level research projects in **Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Engineering, Information Computer Technology, Mathematics, Medical Sciences and Physics**.
- Duration 24 months, max. funding 67 700\$. More info: <https://twas.org/opportunity/seed-grant-new-african-principal-investigators-sg-napi>

Carnegie Corporation of New York

Carnegie Corporation of New York works to promote democracy, education, and peace across the globe, advancing knowledge and understanding in these areas of central importance

Africa related programmes:

- International Peace and Security [Peacebuilding in Africa; Cross-cutting Challenges]
- Higher education and Research in Africa [to strengthen Africa's higher education sector by improving the training, retention, and research productivity of academics in select countries in sub-Saharan Africa)
- *African Scholarship*

See more info on the programs: <https://www.carnegie.org/programs/>

African Development Bank (AfDB)

The overarching objective of the African Development Bank (AfDB) Group is to spur sustainable economic development and social progress in its regional member countries (RMCs), thus contributing to poverty reduction.

The AfDB Group achieves this objective by:

- mobilizing and allocating resources for investment in RMCs; and
- providing policy advice and technical assistance to support development efforts.

The AfDB funds governmental projects and initiatives for African states.

<https://www.afdb.org/en/topics-and-sectors/initiatives-partnerships>

Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO)

Beyond the Grid Fund for Africa (BGFA)

- ***Bringing clean, affordable, off-grid energy access to millions***
- A second funding round for Uganda will open at the end of February 2023 and invites all interested private sector companies to apply

<https://beyondthegrid.africa>

<https://www.nefco.int/fund-mobilisation/funds-managed-by-nefco/beyond-the-grid-fund-for-africa/>

The Beyond the Grid Fund for Africa's (BGFA) ***job creation and skills programme in Uganda*** was announced in December 2022 in Kampala as its own sub-programme under the Uganda country programme. It is targeted at energy service providers supporting the creation of local jobs and, in particular, women's participation in the country's off-grid energy sector.

Nordic Development Fund (NDF)

Provision of financing to climate change mitigation and adaptation activities within the nexus of climate change and development in lower-income countries and countries in fragile situations.

- Climate and development
- Adaptation and mitigation
- Private and public sectors
- Flexible financing (grants, loans and equity)
- Strategic partnerships

<https://www.ndf.int/what-we-finance/projects/tender-notice.html>

Green Climate Fund, GCF

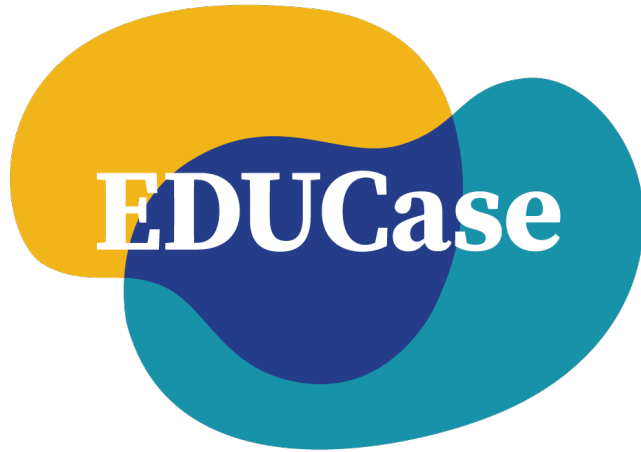
Mandated to support developing countries raise and realize their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) ambitions towards low-emissions, climate-resilient pathways.

They invest across four transitions – built environment; energy & industry; human security, livelihoods and wellbeing; and land-use, forests and ecosystems.

International foundations & database

- International Foundation for Science (IFS): <http://www.ifs.se/ifs-programme>
- Gerda Henkel Foundation: <https://www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/en/grants>
- Spencer Foundation: <https://www.spencer.org/why-we-grant>, partnering with National Academy of Education: <https://naeducation.org/fellowships/>
- Johns Hopkins University database: <https://research.jhu.edu/rdt/funding-opportunities/>
- Wellcome Trust: <https://wellcome.org/grant-funding>
- AuthorAid – A global network of researchers (African focused opportunities): <https://www.authoraid.info/en/funding/>

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