



**AMBASSADE DE FRANCE EN ÉTHIOPIE
ET AUPRES DE L'UNION AFRICAINE**

CIVIL SOCIETIES' INNOVATIVE PROJECTS AND COALITION OF ACTORS (PISCCA)

Guideline for the call for proposals

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Who can apply?

Ethiopian resident non-profit organizations, legally registered and operational for at least 12 months or local governments.

Amount of the requested subsidy:

The financial support will amount to a minimum of 20 000€ and a maximum of 45 000€. The contribution of the subsidy shall represent at most 70 % of the total budget. The remaining 30% of the total budget shall be covered by the beneficiary with a minimum of **10% of financial participation**.

Sectors of intervention and geographical priority:

The sectors of intervention will focus on the access of basic social services and for this specific call, the three following areas will be identified as priority sectors: **water and sanitation; energy and sustainable agriculture**.

Furthermore, a special attention will be given to the creation of partnerships and synergies among all involved actors and also to projects which are in relation to climate change adaptation, to vulnerable youth and women empowerment programmes.

Regarding existing historical and cooperation partnerships and also to facilitate monitoring and evaluation, the following geographic areas are set to be eligible: Amhara, Harari and Afar regions, Addis Ababa, and Dire Dawa chartered cities.

Project duration

From twelve months to twenty-four months.

PROCEDURE OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

▪ **Step 1: launch of the call for proposals.**

The call for proposals will be published on local press papers and will also be communicated through different civil societies' platforms and among the concerned local authorities. The private and the public sector intervening in the targeted areas will also be approached. This guideline and the concept note template will be published on the website of the Embassy of France, and will also be available at the main gate of the Embassy. You can also submit a request to the project officer Mrs. Bethel Zemedkun through this email address bethel.zemedkun@diplomatie.gouv.fr / Tel: 0111400053.

▪ **Step 2: pre selection of applications.**

Eligible applications will be submitted to an internal commission. Projects will be shortlisted on the basis of a **five page concept note** and the evaluation grid which will help to identify innovative projects offering financial and technical partnership with local communities, decentralized services or other organizations of the civil society.

WARNING: files which are not complete and do not include all the required supporting documents will not be subject to examination.

▪ **Step 3: formulation of the projects.**

The projects' implementers will be accompanied in the formulation and finalization of their projects by the Cooperation team and possibly by external experts. This step will include at least one site visit with all pre- identified partners.

In light of past experience, special attention will be paid to the budget constitution and the mobilization of the counterparty.

▪ **Step 4: selection of projects.**

Finalized projects' documents will be presented to the external Selecting Committee in charge of selecting the best files in accordance with the available budget.

▪ **Step 5: implementation of projects**

Selected projects will be subject to an agreement, the signature process will be accompanied by an information session at the project site in the presence of all partners and project beneficiaries.

TENTATIVE CALENDAR

- Publication of the call for proposal: June 11th, 2016
- Deadline for the submission of the applications: June 26th, 2016 before midnight
- Internal pre selection commission: July 11th, 2016¹
- Meeting of the external Selecting Committee: September²
- Signature of the subsidy agreement: October³

¹ Date may vary depending on the number of submitted projects

² Idem

³ The payment of the first instalment will be conditioned upon the availability of the required financial contribution in the bank account of the applicant

CONTACT

The files (the concept note + budget + required documents) shall be sent exclusively in soft copy to the following address: [piscca.ethiopia@gmail.com](mailto:pisca.ethiopia@gmail.com) and imperatively before June 26th, 2016, before midnight. For any inquiries, you shall contact the project Officer Mrs. Bethel Zemedkun, bethel.zemedkun@diplomatie.gouv.fr / Tel: 0111400053.