**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 bioinnovationafrica@giz.de until 6th December 2019 COB.

You may contact us via email (bioinnovationafrica@giz.de) or phone (+49 228 4460-1991) for any additional questions.

**Contact information of applicant**

Name of company / organization:

Website:

Contact person (name, functional title, phone, email):

**General institutional and financial information**

Legal status:

Registration in a European country: 󠆄 [ ]  yes [ ]  no

Address (Headquarters):

Number of employees (administrative and technical):

Annual turnover (last two financial years):

Annual revenue (last two financial years):

*To be completed by African companies only*

Business links to European companies:

**Beneficiary country:**

Possible beneficiary countries: Cameroon, Madagascar, Namibia, South Africa

**Short description of cooperation proposal:**

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

The 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;
* strengthen existing supply chains for national markets or export to Europe.
* advance compliance (including regularization) with ABS rules and regulations in Africa.
* render concrete impacts within a period of two years.

Moreover, the proposed interventions:

* would not come about without GIZ support (subsidiarity);
* are not required by law;
* bring measurable changes over a predefined duration;
* make good business sense, but are not directly relevant to earnings (no core business);
* have coherent design, realistic objectives and activities and appropriate cost-benefit ratio;
* and help to create structures to ensure the sustainability of results and changes achieved.

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 proposal 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

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

Please describe the relationship with proposed project partners in beneficiary countries

Please briefly explain how you can contribute to project activities, for instance through co-investments (please provide indicative values), technology and knowledge transfer, knowledge, long-term off-take agreements, etc.

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**Selection criteria**

The BioInnovation project will use the following selection criteria to assess expressions of interest:

* beneficiary country;
* compliance (actual or potential) with Ethical BioTrade principles and practices in supply chains;
* expected contribution to local development (e.g. generation of jobs, improvement of livelihoods supply chain actors);
* expected tangible support to biodiversity conservation and sustainable use;
* compliance (actual or potential) with applicable rules and regulations on access and benefit sharing (ABS);
* nature of partnership with project partners;
* potential to quantifiably contribute to project activities (co-investments, technology transfer, long-term off-take agreements, etc.);
* potential to generate concrete impacts within a period of two years; et
* potential to up-scale or replicate project results.