

Received Questions and Answers

Questions reçues et réponses

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Answers to general questions about SIFA received through the Helpdesk on www.skillsafrica.orgRéponses aux questions générales sur SIFA reçues via le formulaire de contact sur www.skillsafrica.org

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| 195 | <p>Good Day</p> <p>Will feedback be given to all applicants, or only to the shortlisted applicants?</p> <p>Kind Regards</p> | <p>All applicants will be notified about the evaluation result. Notifications will be sent by email to the Lead Partner using the email address provided in the application.</p> <p>For Funding Window 1, all applicants who submitted an application in 2019 have been notified about the evaluation result. Please note that due to the high number of applications received, no individual project-specific feedback can be given to unsuccessful applicants.</p> |
| 194 | <p>To Whom It May Concern!</p> <p>First of all, season greetings to you. We genuinely hope this email finds you well.</p> <p>We would like to know what is the process to submit a proposal to your organization? We design and develop online entrepreneurship courses which we would like to deliver to the African youth at large. Through a part mutually beneficial partnership, could you help us access platforms to train youths across Africa on entrepreneurship?</p> <p>Here is our website: (...)</p> <p>Regards, (...)</p> | <p>Applications for SIFA funding can be submitted via our online application system, but only when calls for proposals are open. Currently [January 2020], there are no open calls for proposals in any funding category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •For Funding Windows 1 and 2 (large investment projects), calls are launched individually for each participating country, and have already closed in some countries and are not open yet in others. •For Funding Window 3 (innovative pilot projects), calls are not open yet - Application requirements and modalities for this category are currently under revision, and updated information will be published soon. <p>Call openings are announced on the website www.skillsafrica.org. You can always view the current status of calls for proposals for all countries at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding. Please check the website regularly for updates.</p> <p>For details about the Funding Windows, eligibility criteria and the application process, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website, and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the website.</p> |
| 193 | <p>Good Day</p> <p>When does window 3 close or open?</p> | <p>We cannot provide more details about the time of call openings for Funding Window 3 yet. Application requirements and modalities for Funding Window 3 are currently under revision, and updated information will be published on the website www.skillsafrica.org soon.</p> <p>You can always view the current status of calls for proposals for all Funding Windows at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding. Please check the website regularly for updates.</p> |
| 192 | <p>Hi there,</p> <p>Will you accept any late funding submissions?</p> <p>We are a creative MakerSpace in Durban, South Africa unlocking the potential in youth by up-skilling them with 4IR skills which include additive manufacturing, 3D and 2D design, electronics and robotics as well as business and entrepreneur skills.</p> | <p>In South Africa, the calls for proposals for Funding Window 1 and 2 are already closed, therefore submitting applications for these funding categories is no longer possible.</p> <p>However, Funding Window 3 has not be launched yet and could provide an opportunity for you to apply. Application requirements and modalities for Funding Window 3 are currently under revision, and updated information will be published on the website www.skillsafrica.org soon.</p> <p>You can always view the current status of calls for proposals for all Funding Windows at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding. Please check the website regularly for updates.</p> |
| 191 | <p>Can NGO apply</p> | <p>An NGO can be eligible for SIFA Funding if it is an accredited training provider and experienced in skills development. It must be registered in one of SIFA's participating countries (Currently: Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Togo and Tunisia) and form a partnership with a private sector entity, according to the eligibility criteria for each Funding Window. For detailed eligibility criteria please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants, available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org, and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the website.</p> <p>Please note that currently (January 2020) there are no open calls for proposals. Call openings are announced on the website. You can always view the current status of calls for proposals at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding.</p> |

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| 190 | Morning. When is your next funding window opening! | Unfortunately, we cannot provide more details regarding the time of call openings for Funding Windows 2 and 3 yet. Please note that for South Africa, Funding Window 2 is already closed, but Funding Window 3 has not be launched yet and could still provide an opportunity for you to apply. Application requirements and modalities for Funding Window 3 are currently under revision, and updated information will be published on the website www.skillsafrica.org soon. You can always view the current status of calls for proposals for all Funding Windows at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding . Please check the website regularly for updates. |
| 189 | I (...) the chairperson of (...) group, seeking funding for my npo base on youth skills and talents development with training. Please help me out I'm in need of financial support or funding | SIFA provides funding for skills development projects in selected African countries (Currently: Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Togo and Tunisia). Applicants must be experienced stakeholders (institutions, organizations, companies) in the area of skills development. Individuals are not eligible to apply. For detailed eligibility criteria and information how to apply for SIFA Funding, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org , and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the website. Please note that currently there are no open calls for proposals. Call openings will be announced on the website. You can always view the current status of calls for proposals at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding . |
| 188 | I'm a qualified millwright candidate who trained at colliery training college under merseta accreditation but I'm currently unemployed and find it hard to apply at mines since they prefer mqa artisans which I don't really take fairly as we undertake the same modules in most cases. | Unfortunately, we cannot provide support to individuals. SIFA is designed to provide funding for large skills development initiatives, and only legal entities (institutions, organizations, companies) are eligible to apply. For more information please check the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on our website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 187 | j'aimerais savoir, comment pourrais-je postuler pour un projet au Cameroun? | Pour le Cameroun, aucun appel à projets est ouvert en ce moment [novembre 2019]. Les appels à projets pour les guichets de financement 1 et 2 sont déjà clos, et pour le guichet 3 les appels à projets n'ont pas encore été lancés. Les modalités de candidature pour le guichet 3 sont actuellement en cours de révision et des informations actualisées seront publiées sur le site web www.skillsafrica.org prochainement. Vous pouvez à tout moment consulter l'état actuel des appels à projets sur https://skillsafrica.org/fr/#funding . Veuillez consulter régulièrement le site web pour des mises à jour. Avant de postuler, veuillez vérifier votre éligibilité au financement SIFA. Notamment, les candidats doivent être des entités légales (institutions, organisations, entreprises) expérimentées dans le domaine du développement des compétences. Les particuliers ne sont pas éligibles. Pour plus de détails sur les critères d'éligibilité et les différentes étapes du processus de candidature, merci de consulter la rubrique « Soumissionner » du site web, et la « Foire aux questions » (FAQ) du site web. |
| 186 | Greetings!Just to be sure we are a Community Based Nonprofit Organisation in Eastern Uganda are we eligible for support under your programs,any help will be appreciated. | Unfortunately, Uganda is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in Uganda presently cannot apply for SIFA funding. |
| 185 | Greetings, I am writing to inquire as to the deadline for applications for Window I from Nigeria. This information is currently not in the information manual nor is it easy to locate on the website. We would very much appreciate this information if it can be provided. (...) | In Nigeria, the call for proposals for Funding Window I has not opened yet, and at the moment we cannot foresee yet when it will open. You can view the current status of calls for proposals for all Funding Windows at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding . Specifically for Funding Window I, the status of calls for proposals and submission deadlines per country can be found here [https://www.skillsafrica.org/news/funding-window-i-countries-and-dates-for-call-of-concept-notes]. We apologize that this information is currently not very easy to find on the website. We are working to improve our website for future calls for proposals. Please check the website regularly for updates. |

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| 184 | <p>Our local organization in Kenya would like to request for partnership with your organization .We do life skill training for the youths in Nairobi.</p> | <p>SIFA provides funding for skills development projects in selected African countries. Please note that for Kenya, calls for proposals under Funding Window I and II are already closed. However, Funding Window III might provide an opportunity for you to apply. Application requirements and modalities for Funding Window III are currently under revision, and updated information will be published on the website www.skillsafrica.org soon. You can always view the current status of calls for proposals for all Funding Windows at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding. Please check the website regularly for updates.</p> <p>For detailed eligibility criteria and information how to apply for SIFA Funding, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website, and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the website.</p> |
| 183 | <p>I am the Founder of (...),a grass roots Pan African Organisaton in Uganda which engages with Africans world over I have got a special Project for youths this Holiday that could interest you.</p> <p>I would like to share it with you Incase you can help partner with us</p> <p>(...)</p> | <p>Unfortunately, Uganda is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in Uganda presently cannot apply for SIFA funding. Please also note that SIFA is designed to fund large skills development projects with grant amounts between EUR 0.2 million and EUR 3 million, proposed by experienced stakeholders in the area of skills development. For more information, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org, and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the website.</p> |
| 182 | <p>Please advise where the Sifa program is with South Africa I am interested to be part of it as an international partner in the window two program</p> | <p>Please note that Funding Window 2 in South Africa is already closed, and at present it is not foreseen to re-open any calls for Funding Window 2. However, Funding Window 3 might still provide an opportunity to apply from South Africa. Application requirements and modalities for Funding Window 3 are currently under revision, and updated information will be published on the website www.skillsafrica.org soon. You can view the current status of calls for proposals for all Funding Windows at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding. Please check the website regularly for updates.</p> |
| 181 | <p>Hi ,I am (...) interested to do this training or project</p> | <p>SIFA provides funding for skills development projects in selected African countries (Currently: Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Togo and Tunisia). Applicants must be experienced stakeholders (institutions, organizations, companies) in the area of skills development. Individuals are not eligible to apply.</p> <p>For detailed eligibility criteria and information how to apply for SIFA Funding, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org, and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the website.</p> |
| 180 | <p>Dear SIFA, We are (...) looking for your partnership and collaboration. More Appreciated</p> | <p>SIFA provides funding for skills development projects in selected African countries. For detailed eligibility criteria and information how to apply for SIFA Funding, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org, and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the website.</p> |
| 179 | <p>Dear SIFA, (...) is a public center that aims to develop skilled labor through diversified skill courses to meet self-employment oriented skill courses. The Institute graduated 4000 students since 2006 and most of them either started their own business or employed by local businesses.</p> | <p>SIFA provides funding for skills development projects in selected African countries. For detailed eligibility criteria and information how to apply for SIFA Funding, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org, and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the website.</p> |
| 178 | <p>Dear SIFA I am writing to find out if you can advise (approximately) when Window 3 will open for South Africa. Thank you in advance (...)</p> | <p>Unfortunately, we cannot provide more details regarding the time of call openings for Funding Window 3 yet. Application requirements and modalities for Funding Window 3 are currently under revision, and updated information will be published on the website www.skillsafrica.org soon.</p> <p>You can view the current status of calls for proposals for all Funding Windows at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding. Please check the website regularly for updates.</p> |

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| 177 | L'Institut (...) est très intéressée par les offres de subventions du SIFA. Aussi, est-il possible de savoir à quelle période sera ouvert l'appel à propositions pour le guichet II au Cameroun? | Malheureusement, l'appel à projets pour le guichet de financement 2 au Cameroun est déjà clos. Une seconde édition d'appels à projets pour le guichet 2 au Cameroun n'est pas prévue pour le moment. Cependant, des appels à projets sont prévus pour le guichet de financement 3, y compris au Cameroun. Les modalités de candidature pour le guichet 3 sont actuellement en cours de révision et des informations actualisées seront publiées sur le site web www.skillsafrica.org . Vous pouvez à tout moment consulter l'état actuel des appels à projets pour tous les guichets sur https://skillsafrica.org/fr/#funding . Veuillez consulter régulièrement le site web pour des mises à jour. |
| 176 | Dear responsables for SIFA I was wondering whether there is already an idea on when the call for Nigeria will open? Kind regards (...) | Unfortunately, we cannot provide more details regarding the time of call opening for Funding Window 1 in Nigeria yet. Call openings will be announced on the website www.skillsafrica.org . Please check the website regularly for updates. You can view the current status of calls for proposals for all Funding Windows at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding . |
| 175 | Bonsoir, je souhaite savoir s'il y aura une seconde édition, afin de pouvoir présenter la demande pour invitations. Cordialement (...) | A présent, une seconde édition d'appels à projets pour le guichet de financement 1 n'est pas prévue. Cependant, des appels à projets sont prévus pour les guichets de financement 2 et 3. L'ouverture des appels sera annoncée sur le site web www.skillsafrica.org . Vous pouvez à tout moment consulter l'état actuel des appels à projets pour tous les guichets sur https://skillsafrica.org/fr/#funding . |
| 174 | Dear Sir, When do consider Sudan in this project pilot, especially the country is entering a new era, where young from areas affected by civil war are in need for vocational training. I am here talking about my people from Nuba Mountains in South Kordofan in Sudan. | Unfortunately, Sudan is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in Sudan presently cannot apply for SIFA funding. We currently cannot foresee if and when more countries will join the SIFA program, as this depends on negotiations between governments and the African Union Commission. Please check the "News" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org regularly for updates. |
| 173 | Hi am in Uganda and my organisation is called (...) initiative Africa with the aim of helping the youth with hand skills.could you please partner with us to help achieve this together. Thanks | Unfortunately, Uganda is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in Uganda presently cannot apply for SIFA funding. |
| 172 | i am an artist entrepreneur who has developed a vision to provide craft orientated employment.I have invented a collection of sellable products to sustain a skills development project,please visit my website at (...) it would be great to find support.Regards (...) | For detailed information how to apply for SIFA Funding, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org , and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the website. Please note that currently [as of 15th Oct 2019] there are no open calls for proposals. Call openings will be announced on the website. You can view the current status of calls for proposals and submission deadlines at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding . We recommend to check the website regularly for updates. |
| 171 | Dear Sir/Madam. We are from blue flame Bio-gas Ethiopia working with investment agency&signed MOU recently.pls can you send us your email address for further information with respect (...).Ethiopia . | Applications for SIFA funding can be submitted via our online application system (SmartME) only. For detailed information about the application process, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org , and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the website. Please note that currently [as of 8th Oct 2019] there are no open calls for proposals. Call openings will be announced on the website. You can view the current status of calls for proposals and submission deadlines at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding . We recommend to check the website regularly for updates. |
| 170 | Helle! I have one question 1.To submit our CN same format is difficult to translate from Afan Oromo to English!So what shall we do? | According to the General Rules described in the Instruction Guide for Applicants, Concept Notes must be submitted in English or French language. Information in other languages will not be considered for evaluation. If your Concept Note is in another language, you need to translate it to English or French before submitting. If required certificates are in a language other than English or French, please provide the original and attach a simple translation. For such documents, an official translation to English or French will have to be provided at Full Proposal stage if you are shortlisted. |
| 169 | Morning; I am preparing to apply for window 11. I missed window 1 due to time constraints. Kindly inform when window 11 is open. The NC is an area not well resourced and is vast and poverty stricken so logistical challenges abound. (...) | Unfortunately, we cannot provide more details regarding the time of call openings for Funding Window 2 and 3 yet. Call openings will be announced on the website www.skillsafrica.org . Please check the website regularly for updates. You can view the current status of calls for proposals and submission deadlines at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding . |

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| 168 | Dear Julia Leiss Thanks for your response. Our project is in line with Window 1 but unique in the sense that it is initiated by a church with passion and a deep sense of social responsibility. We are seeking partnership with the private sector and government. I have attached a 2 page summary of how we want to go about it. Kind regards (...) | Please note that SIFA cannot provide support to potential applicants in finding suitable partners for their project. It is the responsibility of applicants to form a partnership (consortium) according to the eligibility criteria. To apply for SIFA funding, please check the current status of calls for proposals and submission deadlines at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding . |
| 167 | While the main beneficiary being the public institution accredited for TVET (lead) possibly with a private organization, is it eligible if an accredited NGO for knowledge transfer with local and European experiences takes the facilitation and financial management role as well if the consortium agrees? With best regards, (...) | Applicants are free to assign specific tasks and roles within the consortium in the way that they consider most appropriate for their proposed project. However, the Lead entity will always have the ultimate contractual and financial responsibility and will be the entity accountable towards AUDA-NEPAD in case of contract award. For Funding Window 1, the Lead must be an accredited domestic training provider, as specified in the eligibility criteria. |
| 166 | Hi, we are a private college based in Newcastle (KZN) offering Engineering and Business Studies, accredited with Umalusi as well as QCTO. We have a Training Centre specializing in: Electrical, Millwright, Fitting and Turning, Boiler making and Welding would like to take part as a training provider for skills development. | For detailed information how to apply for SIFA Funding, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org , and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the website. |
| 165 | Hi I am interested in applying, but the country of operations is Namibia. Is this an eligible country? Kind regards Melanie | No, Namibia is not one of SIFA's participating countries. Therefore, applicants based in Namibia presently cannot apply for SIFA funding. |
| 164 | We request sponsorship for the establishment of a skills training centre to address the challenges of unemployment and poverty in partnership with the private sector in Mpumalanga Province, Highveld. We have identified a suitable property in Middelburg whose value is R18.5 million and have raised R6 million from poor Blacks. | For detailed information how to apply for SIFA Funding, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org , and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the website. |
| 163 | Am a program manager in of the local non-governmental and non profit making organization. Do window III currently open for application? When will be the deadline? | Funding Window 3 has not been launched yet (as of September 2019). Call openings for all Funding Windows will be announced on the website www.skillsafrica.org . You can view the current status of calls for proposals and submission deadlines at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding . Please check website regularly for updates. |
| 162 | Madame, Monsieur, Nous voudrions bien postuler mais nous voyons que notre pays le Bénin n'est pas éligible merci de nous renseigner | Effectivement, le Bénin ne fait pas partie des pays participants de SIFA. C'est pourquoi les candidats basés au Bénin ne sont actuellement pas éligibles au financement SIFA. |
| 161 | Je suis le gérant d'un centre de formation à Tunis, Tunisie. On donne des formations accélérées en Marketing Digital, DevWeb et Design pour les jeunes Tunisiens. Je veux savoir si on peut établir une partenariat ou collaboration avec votre organisme. | SIFA finance des projets de développement des compétences. Les subventions sont octroyées sur la base d'une compétition dans 3 guichets différents. Pour plus d'informations sur les critères d'éligibilité et le processus de candidature, merci de consulter la rubrique "Soumissionner" du site web www.skillsafrica.org . L'état actuel des appels à projets pour tous les guichets de financement est disponible sur https://skillsafrica.org/fr/#funding . |
| 160 | question from Ethiopia. we were prohibited from soliciting fund from abroad due to the repealed law. hence, we were unable to run huge project doing the jobs voluntarily to skip the prohibition. can you exempt us from the requirement of "• one reference of a project with similar financial scope. | Applicants need to be able to demonstrate that they have previously managed/implemented a project that is similar in terms of size or financial volume. It is not required that the reference project was (partially) funded by a grant. However it can be an advantage if the applicant is already familiar with related procedures. The reason is that applicants need to have the necessary experience and capacity to be able to successfully implement and manage their proposed project if awarded the SIFA grant. Thus if you can demonstrate that your past project was similar to the one you wish to propose, you could still be eligible according to this criteria as set out in the Instruction Guide for Applicants. |
| 159 | We need concrete information on required budget break down for the Concept Note of SIFA W1 in Ethiopia. In the template it says short break down only. On SMARTME there is a template where very detailed break down for the first three years. Which version version is required? Thanks! | At Concept Note stage, it is sufficient for Applicants to upload their own budget file, including simple breakdown of project components/ activities, under Section 5.1 of the application form in SmartME. It is not required to fill the SmartME budget template in addition. |

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| 158 | (...) Foundation, a subsidiary of (...) -India, deliver engineering skill development programs in Aerospace, Automotive & other high technology domains. (...), with headquarters in Aachen, Germany, is a leading international consulting, engineering and testing services company. Foundation would be pleased to setup & deliver skill development programs across Africa. | For detailed information about SIFA including eligibility criteria to apply for SIFA funding, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants, available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org . If you have specific questions and you cannot find the answer among the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the website, please send us your question through the contact form on the website. |
| 157 | How can I confirm Registration What is the steps to confirm Registration? | If you did not receive an email with the confirmation link after registering in SmartME, please check your "junk mail" folder and make sure your mailbox is not full. If you still have not received the confirmation e-mail, please repeat the registration process and make sure you enter your e-mail address correctly. |
| 156 | Please i will like to know if Engineering Departments offering courses in Mechanical, Mechatronics, Electrical/Electronics, and Automotive can apply for the SIFA grant | Yes, Engineering Departments offering such courses in TVET can apply for a SIFA grant as accredited training provider. Please note that Applicants must form a consortium consisting of a Lead entity with one or two partners, according to the eligibility criteria for each Funding Window. For details, please check Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 155 | Hello, Hope you well. I wanted to find out what you meant by "Accredited"?. Because we have a global UK partner who does digital maker programmes & we are keen to co-apply with the UK partner for this grant. Particularly for the 1st window.? | 'Accredited' means registered and licensed to operate as a TVET provider. Proof of accreditation/registration and license must be attached. |
| 154 | (...) Foundation for Health and Rural Development in western Uganda, Kasese District implementing skills development and training towards vulnerable and disadvantaged women/youth. We request you allow us submit an application for tools/equipment we badly lack in order to address such social problems. | Unfortunately, Uganda is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in Uganda presently cannot apply for SIFA funding. |
| 153 | Request for online Inquiry application form. | Applications for SIFA can be submitted via our online application system (SmartME) only. To register and create your application in SmartME, please go to the "Sign In" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org . For more details about the application process and the eligibility criteria, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website. |
| 152 | What is the possibility for funding other countries in Africa e.,g. Namibia? | At the moment, SIFA funding is available for skills development projects in the 8 participating countries only. We cannot foresee if and when more countries will join the SIFA program, as this depends on negotiations between governments and the African Union Commission. Please check our website www.skillsafrica.org regularly for updates. |
| 151 | Dear sirs, with great interest we have learned about SIFA and its support for TVET projects in Africa. Our company ipcenter.at is a private TVET provider from Austria, and we would like to know when calls for W2 and W3 will be opened? Thanks and best regards, (...) | Unfortunately, we cannot provide more details regarding the time of call openings for Funding Window 2 and 3 yet. Call openings will be announced on the website www.skillsafrica.org . Please check the website regularly for updates. |
| 150 | Sponsorship request | For detailed information how to apply for SIFA Funding, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org , and the "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)" on the website. |
| 149 | Good day, we submitted for funding period window 1. Wanted to know when will the results be available. Thank you | The estimated time between the submission deadline of Concept Notes and the notification about the evaluation result and invitation of shortlisted Applicants to submit Full Proposals is eight (8) weeks. All Applicants will be notified about the shortlisting result. The estimated overall timeline for the application and selection process for each call is presented in the chapter "Call Schedules and Timelines" in the Instruction Guide for Applicants, available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org . |

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| 148 | I am writing from (...) Ltd , which is a IT Training and Education Company , We are successfully operating in Nigeria , Ghana , Egypt , Sudan , Uganda , Ethiopia , ESwatini Ivory Coast. we have alliance with (...) University , NCC. Please get back to us. | For detailed information about SIFA including eligibility criteria to apply for SIFA funding, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants, available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org . If you have specific questions and you cannot find the answer among the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the website, please send us your question through the contact form on the website. |
| 147 | DEAR SIR / Madame we would would like to know whether our application or concept note qualifys for the project and how to submit the concept note. | For detailed eligibility criteria, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants, available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org , and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ). Applications for SIFA funding can be submitted via the online application system (SmartME) only. To create your account and start creating your application, please go to the "Sign In" section of the website. |
| 146 | Dear Sir, We are company involved in product development in Kenya. Can we apply as a Primary Partner for Ethiopia Grant. The lead will be a domestic company at Ethiopia. Please let me know urgently | For Funding Window 1, an incubation centre or product development company that is seeking to be a Primary Partner must be domiciled or represented in the country of the Lead Applicant. The Lead Applicant must be a training institution or training provider (public or accredited private institution), an NGO accredited to offer skills training or a National TVET Agency responsible for TVET provision. Under Funding Window 1, the Lead Applicant cannot be a company. |
| 145 | We need funding worthy USD 8000 to support us to buy sewing machines for training 40 youth in tailoring skills. Thanks. (...) Uganda | Uganda is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in Uganda presently cannot apply for SIFA funding. For more details about eligibility for SIFA funding, please check the "Apply" section and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on our website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 144 | I am (...) ,working as OCC,Director in ethio djibouti railway. I want to study on Future Africa railway signaling and communication system Interoperability problem,so how can I get research fund. | SIFA does not offer research funds. SIFA only supports skills development initiatives for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). For more details about eligibility for SIFA funding, please check the "Apply" section and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on our website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 143 | Please we are Non Profit Organisation we are working helping Community -youth and old ones .Organisation is based at KZN-Durban and also at Eastern Cape ,we kindly request an a SOFT COPY FORM TO APPLY FOR FUNDING/SPONSORSHIP. Thank you (...) | Applications for SIFA funding can be submitted via the online application system (SmartME) only. To create your account and start creating your application, please go to www.skillsafrica.org/signin . In the application form, there is also an option to click "View as PDF". However please be aware that the PDF might not show all questions, notably those which appear only if a certain option has been selected. Thus, for completeness the online form should always be consulted. If you would like to apply from South Africa, please note that the Call for proposals for Funding Window 1 in South Africa is already closed. For further opportunities to apply for a SIFA grant (e.g. through Funding Window 3), please check our website regularly for updates. You can check the call status for all Funding Windows at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding . |
| 142 | Dear officials, I am from Somalia and I do run youth development projects, basically female youth. We trained, take them to internship and finally provide placement opportunity. We need your support. (...) | Somalia is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in Somalia presently cannot apply for SIFA funding. |
| 141 | Sir a m a small farmer from Tanzania seeking for a loan or a grant worth 150,000 \$ to buy farm equipment as well as to expand a farmland in my country | Tanzania is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in Tanzania presently cannot apply for SIFA funding. |
| 140 | Dear Sir/Madam, I write from (...) Sierra Leone to partner with you. See our website for your perusal. (...) | Sierra Leone is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in Sierra Leone presently cannot apply for SIFA funding. |
| 139 | We are a Tailoring Co-operative Society Ltd established in Zambia focused on empowering the vulnerable , disadvantaged and less privileged community . We would like to find out if our Organisation is eligible . | Zambia is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in Zambia presently cannot apply for SIFA funding. |

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| 138 | What is the Deadline for submission of concept note | <p>Currently, only Funding Window 1 has open calls for proposals. They are opened for each participating country individually, thus each country has a different submission deadline. You can view the call status for each country for Funding Window 1 here [https://skillsafrica.org/news/funding-window-i-countries-and-dates-for-call-of-concept-notes]. As of 07 August 2019, only the call for Ethiopia is open, with submission deadline on 07 October 2019.</p> <p>You can check the call status for all funding windows at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding.</p> |
| 137 | <p>Hi</p> <p>I am from Kisii, Kenya, an East African country. We have a small school providing education (primary) and I want to know whether you fund such initiatives. Thanks</p> | SIFA supports skills development initiatives for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). SIFA does not provide funding for primary education. |
| 136 | <p>We are an Indian NGO working in the field of Skill Development and Women Empowerment from past 22 years. We are looking forward to expand our work in Africa. It's a humble request to get connected with SIFA so we can coordinate further.</p> | SIFA finances skills development projects in selected African countries only. India is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in India cannot apply for SIFA funding. |
| 135 | <p>Greetings from Uganda. I am currently heading an NGO in Uganda skills the youth with Business and technical skills for job creation. I am therefore inquiring when Uganda will be put on the Eligible Countries to get your funding so as to support many unemployed youth in Uganda.</p> | We currently cannot foresee if and when more countries will join the SIFA program, as this depends on negotiations between governments and the African Union Commission. Please check our website www.skillsafrica.org regularly for updates. |
| 134 | <p>Dear Sir/ Madam</p> <p>Hope this email finds you well, I have attached a concept paper of the idea for our engagement of the project we need to roll out. Am looking forward to reading from you.</p> <p>Best Regards (...)</p> | <p>SIFA's policy is to offer fair and transparent opportunities to all applicants. Therefore, we cannot review documents sent to us by e-mail. Applications for a SIFA grant can be submitted via our online application system (SmartME) only. The system provides a template that must be filled online. To register and create your application in SmartME, please go to the "Sign In" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org.</p> <p>For details about the application process, please check the "Frequently Asked Question" (FAQ) on the website, and the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website.</p> |
| 133 | <p>Instruction guidelines: What is the definition of an 'accredited private training provider'? In our country, the TVET regulator uses the term 'registered and licensed'.</p> | 'Accredited' means registered and licensed to operate as a TVET provider. Proof of accreditation/registration and license must be attached. |
| 132 | <p>Instruction guide: 1. Do the partners need to be financial co-recipients or co-implementing partners or can they partner just on certain aspects of the implementation (for example, accrediting the courses if a TVET regulator or committing to provide internships for graduates if a private sector entity)?</p> | <p>The precise role of each partner in the proposed project has to be defined by the Applicant in their proposal, and will be part of the evaluation. Thus, it is possible that the primary/secondary partner(s) contribute only in a specific aspect of implementation, as long as it is demonstrated that the partner set-up can ensure overall successful and sustainable implementation of the proposed project.</p> <p>You can specify the financial or in-kind contribution of the partner(s) to the project in your Commitment Letter for the Counterpart Contribution.</p> <p>For detailed assessment criteria, please check the chapter "Assessment Criteria and Scoring of Proposals" of the Instruction Guide for Applicants.</p> |
| 131 | <p>Instruction guide: 1. The idea of 'reference of a project' is unclear. Does this mean that we should demonstrate our organization has received a grant of similar size or do we need to just demonstrate that a similar has been delivered elsewhere somewhere in the world?</p> | <p>Applicants need to be able to demonstrate that they have previously managed/implemented a project that is similar in terms of size or financial volume. It is not required that the reference project was (partially) funded by a grant, however it can be an advantage if the applicant is already familiar with related procedures.</p> <p>The reason is that applicants need to have the necessary experience and capacity to be able to successfully implement and manage their proposed project if awarded the SIFA grant.</p> |
| 130 | <p>Instruction guide: 1. Are we required to show a leasehold (rates-paying land ownership typical in urban areas) or a lease (tenancy agreement)? If one has a 5- or 6-year tenancy agreement in a building, will that qualify?</p> | Legal proof of tenancy/lease agreement is required and this must be endorsed by the local government authorities. |

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| 129 | <p>We are private training provider in Kenya, and interested in submitting proposal for Window 1 funding. Please expound on the main role of the primary partner in the implementation of the Project once the proposal is successful.</p> | <p>Funding Window 1 is designed to include private sector entities as Primary Partner in order to ensure that supported skills development initiatives are relevant and employment-oriented, matching the needs of the labor market. The precise role of the Primary Partner in a proposed project has to be defined by the Applicant in their proposal, and will be part of the evaluation.</p> <p>This is also reflected in the assessment criteria, which include notably "Involvement of the Private sector" (Proposed project must involve the private sector from the start and show evidence of involvement of private sector in design of training, institutionalisation of the involvement in design and delivery of training and further institutionalisation in the form of internships and job fairs supported by relevant MOUs). In addition, the assessment criteria "overall quality of the proposal" covers coherence of the proposed project including the proposed partner set-up and roles.</p> <p>You can specify the financial or in-kind contribution of the Primary Partner to the project in your Commitment Letter for the Counterpart Contribution.</p> <p>For detailed assessment criteria, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org.</p> |
| 119 | <p>(...) My next question for you is do you have any training providers who would like to team up with a company such as Teseteo employing bright, young people in Ethiopia? Or would we have to find our own? Kind regards, (...)</p> | <p>Interested applicants are responsible for finding suitable partners on their own. SIFA does not provide assistance in this regard.</p> |
| 118 | <p>Hello there, (...) I was applying for the Ethiopia Window on Smart ME but then saw "Type of Organisation" option didn't include Private Limited Companies. (...) supports Sustainable Development Goal 8 through the employment of high potential Ethiopians so is a good fit. Kind regards, (...)</p> | <p>According to the eligibility criteria for Funding Window 1, private sector entities can only apply as a Primary Partner, in consortium with an accredited training provider as Lead. Accordingly, you can select the type of organisation "Domestic public or private company" only under section 2.1 ("Primary Partner") of the application form in SmartME.</p> <p>For detailed eligibility criteria, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org.</p> |
| 116 | <p>as a team we have made new design prosthetic leg which we believe this product will help those people who need rehabilitation service especially in Africa. for this project to enter in the market we need support from the organization like yours.</p> | <p>If you would like to apply for SIFA funding, please check the detailed eligibility criteria described in the Instruction Guide for Applicants, available to download on the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org, and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the website.</p> |
| 115 | <p>Dear all Am applying this concept notes on the behalf of (...) Agricultural College. If we are illegible please let me know to prepare the full proposal Thank you again</p> | <p>Applications for SIFA can be submitted via our online application system (SmartME) only. The system provides a template that must be filled online. To register and create your application in SmartME, please go to the "Sign In" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org.</p> <p>For more details about the application process and the eligibility criteria, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website.</p> |
| 114 | <p>Hello, I run a skills development organisation in Nigeria. I wish to know when application for SIFA Window I will open for Nigeria. I'm interested in the application and will like to apply. When will application start for Nigerians? Thanks.</p> | <p>Call openings for all Funding Windows will be announced on the website www.skillsafrica.org. Please check the current status of calls for proposals and submission deadlines for each country at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding, and check the "News" section of the website for updates.</p> |
| 113 | <p>Dear/Sir all My name is Kena am Nejo Agricultural TVET dean and we want to apply it. But am not get your proposal template format. please you help me?</p> | <p>Applications for SIFA can be submitted via our online application system (SmartME) only. The system provides a template that must be filled online. To register and create your application in SmartME, please go to the "Sign In" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org.</p> |

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| 112 | <p>Dear sirs</p> <p>Our consortium from ethiopia lead applicant is a private acadamic institution and co-partner with a company and public TVET institution (two partners).Regards the co-applicants contribution, is it enough to add 10% together rather have each 10%'s contribution sum of double together?</p> | <p>For Funding Window 1, the counterpart contribution must be at least 10% of the total project cost.</p> <p>Applicants are free to share the counterpart contribution between the Lead and the partner(s) in a way they find most suitable. This means not all partners have to contribute the same amount, but the combined total counterpart contribution must be equal to at least 10% of the total project cost.</p> |
| 111 | <p>Is there any possible plans to re-open an application window for South Africa at some stage?</p> <p>Kind regards</p> | <p>At present it is not foreseen to re-open any calls for Funding Window 1. However, Funding Window 3 might provide an opportunity to apply from South Africa. Application requirements and modalities for Funding Window 3 are currently under revision, and updated information will be published soon.</p> <p>Please check the website www.skillsafrica.org for updates.</p> |
| 110 | <p>Is there a template and maximum pages for concept note of SIFA?</p> | <p>Yes, Concept Notes can only be submitted via the online application system SmartME. The system provides a template that must be filled online. Where applicable, word limits for individual sections are shown in the application form.</p> <p>To register and create your application in SmartME, please go to the "SIGN IN" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org.</p> |
| 109 | <p>I would like compete on innovation and women problem on traditional household activities in to modern one. It matters mothers health and environment environmental friendly. Thank you!</p> | <p>If you would like to apply for SIFA funding, please check the detailed eligibility criteria described in the Instruction Guide for Applicants, available to download on the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org, and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the website.</p> |
| 108 | <p>hello dear sir/madam i here by want to ask about the project scope. does the project includes the agriculture sector or agro processing? another brief wants on the eligible criteria of individual education level?</p> | <p>SIFA supports employment-oriented skills development projects in priority growth sectors. In your application, you can explain why and how your proposed project is linked to a growth sector in your country/region. The selection of project proposals is guided by the following Assessment Criteria: Viability and readiness to implement; Innovation; Sustainability; Regional impact and replicability; Involvement of the private sector; Access for/impact on women, youth, and vulnerable groups; Relevance; and Overall quality of the proposal.</p> <p>For detailed Assessment Criteria and Eligibility Criteria, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants, available to download on the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org, and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the website.</p> |
| 107 | <p>Good day, I would like to find out when the Call for Application for Window 1 in Ethiopia will be opened?</p> | <p>The call for proposals for Funding Window 1 in Ethiopia has opened today 15 July 2019, with deadline for submission of concept notes on 07 October 2019.</p> <p>Please note: The exact deadline and time remaining for submission for each call is displayed as a countdown in the online application system SmartME in the section "My Applications".</p> |
| 106 | <p>Can you please tell me, In which process the 10% of contribution is required? How is this payable? Cash, bank guarantee or can it be provided through own training in some of the skills to the same value?</p> | <p>The available options for Counterpart Contribution are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Co-financing of invoices 2. Implementation of project-related (in-kind) measures that can be quantified in cash terms 3. Payment of taxes (e.g. VAT, import duties and other public charges) on works, goods and services rendered to the project 4. Recurrent costs, such as salaries for additional project-related staff, and utility charges (e.g. water, electricity, heating) for the duration of the project <p>For Funding Window 1, Applicants must contribute to the project with their own funds for at least 10% of the total project cost. That means out of the total 100% project cost, maximum 90% can be financed through the SIFA grant and minimum 10% must be financed through your counterpart contribution.</p> <p>At Concept Note stage, Applicants must submit a commitment letter for the counterpart contribution. At Full Proposal stage, evidence for the (estimated) costs for the counterpart contribution must be submitted. During the course of project implementation, evidence needs to be provided for all counterpart contributions.</p> <p>For more details, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants, available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org, and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the website.</p> |

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| 105 | <p>Dear Sir/ Madam,</p> <p>My organisation is an International NGO with 15 African member nation offices. Which of the 3 windows of SIFA do we qualify either as lead or partner?</p> <p>I look forward to receiving your swift response at your earliest convenience.</p> <p>Best regards, (...)</p> | <p>According to the eligibility criteria, NGOs can be eligible for the following:</p> <p>Funding Window 1: Secondary Partner: International NGO accredited to offer skills training</p> <p>Funding Window 2: Primary Partner: Domestic NGO accredited to offer skills training Secondary Partner: Domestic NGO accredited to offer skills training</p> <p>Funding Window 3: Application requirements and modalities are currently under revision - Updated information will be published on the website www.skillsafrica.org.</p> <p>For details, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants, available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org.</p> |
| 104 | <p>Good Day,</p> <p>May you kindly assist me by advising me If whether or not the budget on SmartMe is part of the Concept Note or it forms part of the Full Proposal that should only be submitted later.</p> <p>Kind regards, (...)</p> | <p>At Concept Note stage, it is sufficient for Applicants to upload their own budget file (including breakdown of individual project components/ activities) under Section 5.1 of the application form in SmartME. So you do not need to fill the template in the separate budget tab in addition.</p> <p>If you encounter technical difficulties with your application, please consult the SmartME Helpdesk, available in the "Support" section when logged into your SmartME account.</p> |
| 103 | <p>I have a company and am looking for help specially in skills and funding.</p> | <p>For detailed information about SIFA funding opportunities and eligibility criteria, please check our website www.skillsafrica.org, and the Instruction Guide for Applicants freely available to download on the "Apply" section of the website.</p> |
| 102 | <p>Hello, I was inquiring about the Window I eligibility. About the private sector partner; do they need a specific partner or would an Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) be an option?</p> | <p>According to the eligibility requirements for Funding Window 1, the Primary Partner must be a legally registered domestic entity, able to demonstrate financial capacity for the last three years, and belong to one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Domestic public or private company - Domestic Chamber of Commerce or Industry and Employer Association that supports skills development - Incubation centre or company involved in product development <p>If an Industry Advisory Committee can fulfill these requirements, then it would be eligible as Primary Partner.</p> <p>For detailed eligibility criteria, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available on the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org.</p> |
| 101 | <p>On behalf of (...), I am writing to humbly submit in our application for project proposal for Construction of the three stored at (...) Skills Training Centre.</p> <p>I remain yours sincerely Bro. Mark Kiiza</p> | <p>If you would like to apply for SIFA funding, please check the detailed requirements described in the Instruction Guide for Applicants, available to download on the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org. Applications can be submitted via our online application system (SmartME) only. To register on SmartME, please go to the "Sign In" section of the website.</p> |
| 100 | <p>Please when is this SIFA grant application likely going to open for Nigerian Institutions.</p> | <p>Call openings for all Funding Windows will be announced on the website www.skillsafrica.org. Please check the current status of calls for proposals and submission deadlines at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding, and check the "News" section of the website for updates.</p> |
| 99 | <p>Morning (...)</p> <p>I did submit our application this morning, After submitting the application I saw a tab that says Budget, We did not complete that section, though we have a budget within the application. Should we resubmit or just leave it as is?</p> | <p>At Concept Note stage, it is sufficient for Applicants to upload their own budget file (including breakdown of individual project components/ activities) under Section 5.1 of the application form in SmartME. So you do not need to fill the template in the separate budget tab in addition.</p> |
| 98 | <p>Good Day,</p> <p>May you kindly assist me with the deadline. On one site it states that the deadline for concept notes is the 10th and on the application, it says the 9th.</p> | <p>The exact deadline for each call is displayed as a countdown in the online application system SmartME in the section "My Applications". This countdown in SmartME shows the actual time remaining for submission in your time zone.</p> |

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| 97 | <p>Good day, I would like to inquire about eligibility requirements. If the lead applicant is still awaiting their accreditation and the primary partner is an accredited training provider would this be acceptable? Further would a sector-specific industry body (AnimationSA) be acceptable in place of a chamber of commerce?</p> | <p>For Funding Window 1: If the Lead Applicant is a training provider but not yet accredited, evidence must be provided that accreditation process has been engaged. The Primary Partner must be either a domestic public or private company, a chamber of commerce or industry/employer association, or an incubation or product development company. The Primary Partner cannot be a training provider, however a training provider can be a Secondary Partner. A sector-specific industry body qualifies as a Primary Partner.</p> |
| 96 | <p>I am trying to find out if a South African University would be eligible as a Lead Applicant / Partner? I only see TVETs and private training institutions listed.</p> | <p>Yes, universities can apply if they offer TVET/skills development projects.</p> |
| 95 | <p>Hi We are in the process of being registered, can we still apply for a grant? We will likely be registered by 10 July if there is no problems. kind regards (...)</p> | <p>According to the general eligibility criteria, both the Lead and its partner(s) must be legally registered entities and provide proof of their legal status/registration at Concept Note stage.</p> <p>In addition, Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial and human capacity: If you are the Lead, you must submit financial statements for the past three years, thus you need to be in existence for at least three years. If you are a partner, this is not mandatory, but recommended.</p> <p>For detailed eligibility criteria, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website.</p> |
| 94 | <p>Dear Sir/Madam, We are a workplace Health and Safety Training Provider and have the interest in the Skill Initiative for Africa funding to support our initiative in providing professional development courses and programs. Please Kindly advise how we can benefit from your funding opportunity. Yours Faithfully, (...)</p> | <p>For detailed information about SIFA Funding opportunities and eligibility criteria, please check the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on our website www.skillsafrica.org, and the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website.</p> |
| 93 | <p>Good-day I like to submit is proposal facilitating, developing and delivering the Social Entrepreneurship training programme. Do I qualify to apply. Regards (...)</p> | <p>To verify if you are eligible to apply for SIFA Funding, please check the eligibility criteria and the Instruction Guide for Applicants on the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org.</p> |
| 92 | <p>Dear/Madam We in (...) submitted our applications yesterday the (...) before the extension of time for submission of application. However we have some few documents to attach. We would be grateful if you could activate our applications for us to add those documents.</p> | <p>Once you have submitted your application, it cannot be modified anymore. If you wish to add additional documents, please submit a complete new (second) application, in which you include all previous information and these additional documents.</p> |
| 91 | <p>(...) is associate with a primary partner which is a public sector company, a state owned telecom operator , they will not accept to disclose their financial status, and a couple of other information, though they have signed a partnership agreement with (...). Is this a blocking issue?</p> <p>One of our project component is Campus extension, are we allowed to include furniture (for example office chairs and tables) in training equipments costs?</p> | <p>Question 1: At Concept Note stage, submission of audited or certified financial statements for the last three years is mandatory for the Lead only. It is not mandatory for the partner(s), but recommended. If you cannot provide financial statements for the Primary Partner, please use the box "Explanation of Audited Financial Statements" to explain the reason.</p> <p>Question 2: If the furniture is linked to training provision, yes.</p> |
| 90 | <p>Hello We would like to know if its necessary to fill the attached budget template or submit simple budget for the concept note. Thank you</p> | <p>At Concept Note stage, it is sufficient for Applicants to upload their own budget file, including breakdown of individual project components/ activities, under Section 5.1 of the application form in SmartME.</p> |

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| 89 | <p>RE: 3 yrs Latest Financial Statements</p> <p>On the application upload section it requests copies for financial statements for years 2015, 2016 and 2017. Is this correct?</p> <p>Should it not be for years 2017, 2018 and 2019 so that it is the last 3 years financials?</p> | <p>Yes, Applicants should upload financial statements for the 3 most recent available years. If this does not correspond to the years provided in the description, please use the box "Explanation of Audited Financial Statements" to specify for which years you have uploaded financial statements.</p> |
| 88 | <p>je suis un jeune entrepreneur, je postule dans l'équipement du collège militaire Eyadéma</p> | <p>Prière de consulter le Guide de candidature disponible dans la rubrique « Soumissionner » du site www.skillsafrica.org, pour plus de détails sur le processus de candidature et les critères d'éligibilité pour une subvention dans le cadre de l'Initiative Compétences pour l'Afrique (SIFA).</p> |
| 87 | <p>May I know if the primary partner needs to be in existence for long. I have only be in existence for just a year and don't have audited accounts yet.</p> <p>I will appreciate your quick response to know next steps as deadline is fast approaching.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> | <p>Both the Lead and its partner(s) must be legally registered entities and provide proof of their legal status/registration.</p> <p>Concerning financial capacity, proof of audited or certified financial statements for the last three years is required for the Lead only. It is not mandatory for the partner(s).</p> |
| 86 | <p>Bonjour Monsieur,</p> <p>S'il vous plaît nous avons des difficultés à renseigner le point 7 du canevas SmartME. En effet il est demandé de mettre des chiffres entre 0 et 9. Mais nous ne savons comment procéder. Veuillez nous éclairer dans la mesure du possible.</p> <p>1. Pertinence</p> <p>Merci (...)</p> | <p>Dans les cases à remplir au niveau de la partie 7 « Pertinence », vous ne pouvez entrer que des chiffres (valeurs numériques), mais pas de lettres ou caractères spéciaux.</p> <p>Dans la case « Nombre de définitions de compétences », veuillez entrer le nombre de domaines/matières de formation proposés dans le cadre de votre projet.</p> <p>Si vous rencontrez d'autres problèmes techniques dans le système SmartME, merci de consulter le centre d'assistance SmartME (disponible dans la rubrique « Support » lorsque vous êtes connecté au système).</p> |
| 85 | <p>Good day,</p> <p>I am just curious to know how long i should wait to hear from you after i have submitted an application for one of your open windows.</p> <p>Your timely response will be much valued.</p> <p>Regards (...)</p> | <p>The estimated time between submission deadline of Concept Notes and notification about the evaluation result / invitation of shortlisted Applicants to submit Full Proposals is eight (8) weeks. All Applicants will be notified about the shortlisting result.</p> <p>The estimated overall timeline for the application and selection process for each call is presented in the chapter "Call Schedules and Timelines" in the Instruction Guide for Applicants, available to download from the "Apply" section of the website www.skillsafrica.org.</p> |
| 84 | <p>what is the deadline for submission of window 1 for South Africa</p> | <p>The deadline for submission of Concept Notes for SIFA Funding Window 1 in South Africa is 10 July 2019.</p> <p>Please note: The exact deadline for each call is displayed as a countdown (time remaining in your time zone) in the online application system SmartME in the section "My Applications".</p> <p>The current status and deadlines of calls for proposals for all Funding Windows can be found at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding.</p> |
| 83 | <p>Does the purchases of infrastructure (building/s) fall under option 2 in Window I (2.Construction, rehabilitation or expansion of learning infrastructure). If we were to cover the running costs of the project, could the SIFA funding be used to purchase buildings & equipment to expand our proven youth work incubator model?</p> | <p>Purchase of buildings is not possible under SIFA, since construction/rehabilitation/expansion details must be evaluated against standard SIFA procedures and rates. Furthermore, the construction/rehabilitation must respond to environmental standards and the design/architectural drawings will have to be approved by SIFA.</p> |
| 82 | <p>So there is no requirements as what shall be included in the agreement between the private Technical and Professionnal Training institute and the public company to make it valid?</p> | <p>There is no standard Partnership Agreement template. It is important that the Partnership Agreement clearly defines the roles and responsibilities of the partners, with exit clauses, if applicable. The document must be signed, dated and stamped.</p> |
| 81 | <p>(...) has over 23 years experience in the finance of student loans in Kenya. We finance students in universities, TVET (Technical, Vocational, Educational Training) institutions and middle level health colleges. We seek ways of partnering with SIFA and therefore seek an appointment for deeper engagement.</p> | <p>SIFA's policy is to offer fair and transparent opportunities to all applicants. Therefore, we cannot provide personal consultations, or review documents sent to us via e-mail. If you have questions, please check the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the website www.skillsafrica.org, and the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website.</p> <p>If you cannot find the right answer, please send your question to us through the contact form on the website. The questions and answers will be published on the "FAQ" section of the website.</p> |

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| 79 | Good Day I have been trying to apply on smart me without any success, kindly assist. | <p>If you tried to register on SmartME and did not receive an email with the confirmation link, please check your "junk mail" folder and make sure your mailbox is not full. If you still have not received the confirmation e-mail, please repeat the registration process and make sure you enter your e-mail address correctly.</p> <p>If you encounter technical problems within the SmartME system, please consult the SmartME Helpdesk (available in the "Support" section when logged in to the system).</p> |
| 78 | May you kindly please advice when the 1st window will be closed ? | <p>The current status of calls for proposals for all Funding Windows can be found at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding. Please click on the link provided under Funding Window 1 for an overview of call openings and deadlines per country for Funding Window 1.</p> <p>Calls for proposals for Funding Window 1 are opened for each participating country individually, thus each country also has a different closing date.</p> <p>Please note: The exact deadline for each call is displayed in the online application system SmartME as a countdown in the section "My Applications".</p> |
| 77 | 1. Applicants i am assisting have existing businesses in their respective fields. 2. the project expects them to use this existing business to implement the proposed project which makes sense and is acceptable. 3. The project however states that they cannot use project funding for payment of salaries. 4. If they are implementing a new project it means they will be employing additional staff. How are they expected to fund the new staff? It makes sense that perhaps no salaries can be made to staff who are not involved in training. 5. It makes sense that the bulk of the funding should go to assets and infrastructure that facilitate teaching and learning, but you still need people to do the training. Either we have all missed or misunderstood something. | <p>Salaries for any existing staff are not eligible, neither for SIFA funding, nor as counterpart contribution, since such salaries are already paid by someone; shifting existing staff to a SIFA project is also not eligible.</p> <p>However, salaries for permanent new staff, specifically employed for the SIFA project, can be financed through the counterpart contribution (option IV - "Recurrent costs, such as salaries for additional project-related staff, and utility charges (e.g. water, electricity, heating) for the duration of the project").</p> <p>Eligible for counterpart contribution (option IV) are also overtime payments for existing staff if they work on the SIFA project, if the Grantee can prove that (timesheets, salary slips showing such overtime payments).</p> <p>External short-term trainers/experts can be financed through SIFA funding (Activity 3 "Training of Trainers" and Activity 4 "Curriculum Design").</p> |
| 76 | "Normal recurrent costs such as staff salaries" are considered "ineligible project costs". Are the salaries and related costs of staff who work on the project considered "eligible costs"? | <p>Salaries for any existing staff are not eligible, neither for SIFA funding, nor as counterpart contribution, since such salaries are already paid by someone; shifting existing staff to a SIFA project is also not eligible.</p> <p>However, salaries for permanent new staff, specifically employed for the SIFA project, can be financed through the counterpart contribution (option IV - "Recurrent costs, such as salaries for additional project-related staff, and utility charges (e.g. water, electricity, heating) for the duration of the project").</p> <p>Eligible for counterpart contribution (option IV) are also overtime payments for existing staff if they work on the SIFA project, if the Grantee can prove that (timesheets, salary slips showing such overtime payments).</p> <p>External short-term trainers/experts can be financed through SIFA funding (Activity 3 "Training of Trainers" and Activity 4 "Curriculum Design").</p> |
| 75 | Is there a model of partnership agreement that we can follow? | <p>No, there is no model or template for the partnership agreement. Applicants may use their own model.</p> |
| 74 | Hi I tried to register on ESmart to submit a concept paper. I was told an email would be sent to me about how to carry on with the process. However that email never reached me. I have checked the address and it is correct. | <p>If you did not receive an email with the confirmation link after registering in SmartME, please check your "junk mail" folder and make sure your mailbox is not full. If you still have not received the confirmation e-mail, please repeat the registration process and make sure you enter your e-mail address correctly.</p> |
| 73 | Is an autonomous public sector accredited training institution based in a third country eligible to be a "secondary partner" for Window 1? | <p>Yes, for Funding Window 1 the Secondary Partner can be based in a third country. However, the Lead and Primary Partner must be domestic entities registered in the country of application, as specified in the Instruction Guide for Applicants.</p> |

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| 72 | <p>Good day, Will the call for application in South Africa be applicable to Durban, Cape Town and Gauteng. Or will you consider applications in other regions such as Mpumalanga Thank you</p> | <p>Calls for proposals for Funding Window 1 are opened per country, and always for the whole country. Thus for the call for proposals in South Africa, Applicants from anywhere within South Africa can apply.</p> |
| 71 | <p>I am assisting applicants for your Windows. It is confusing to all involved how they create a new project based on their current entities, but they are not allowed to claim salaries from the funding. I can understand no funding to be used for existing staff in particular admin staff, but not for new training staff. Am i missing something? Please advise. (...)</p> | <p>It is correct that funding cannot be used for salaries, only 5% of the total project cost can be used for expert input on Curriculum Design or on ToT or for learner scholarships. The reason is that the funding is for investment projects, especially under window 1. Thus the funding is to be used mainly for construction, rehabilitation or purchase of equipment. Thus the funding is tied to these project components. However, as there is expected an own contribution of 10% to the investment, the salaries for 'new or additional' staff can be costed and used as own contribution to the project. Additional information is available in the Instruction Guide for Applicants which can be downloaded from the SIFA website: www.skillsafrica.org.</p> |
| 70 | <p>We were thinking to submit a proposal for the Window 3, as a partner. You are saying each applicant has to show accreditation documents of training providers. Could you specify what you mean by accreditation document?</p> | <p>The application requirements and modalities for Funding Window 3 are currently under revision. Updated information on Funding Window 3 will be published on the website www.skillsafrica.org soon. Please check the current status of calls for proposals and submission deadlines at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding.</p> |
| 69 | <p>(1) Rubrique 1.2 semble redondante avec 4.1 dans l'élaboration de la note conceptuelle ? (2) Que veulent dire "Justification" ou "Explications" des états financiers ? (3) Y-a-t-il un modèle pour la lettre d'engagement ? (4) Le secteur privé dans 11. se limite-t-il au Partenaire Associé ?</p> | <p>1. La rubrique 1.2 porte sur l'entité du partenaire principal et son expérience en général, alors que la rubrique 1.4 porte sur le projet proposé par le candidat pour l'obtention d'une subvention SIFA.</p> <p>2. « Justification ou explication des états financiers » : Cette case peut être utilisée pour fournir des explications sur les documents fournis si besoin, par exemple si les années des documents fournis ne correspondent pas à celles désignées au niveau des cases de téléchargement dans le formulaire.</p> <p>3. Non, il n'y a pas de modèle pour la lettre d'engagement pour le financement de la contrepartie du candidat. La lettre doit au minimum :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spécifier la valeur totale de la contrepartie ; - Spécifier quelle(s) option(s) de financement est/sont proposée(s) pour la contrepartie (voir options I-IV décrites dans le Guide de candidature) ; - Pour l'option II « Mise en œuvre de mesures en nature liées au projet » : détailler les mesures liées au projet (en nature) proposées, avec répartition de la valeur estimée ; - Pour l'option III « Paiement de taxes » : indiquer le numéro d'enregistrement TVA. - Facultatif: spécifier l'engagement / le rôle de chaque partenaire au sein du consortium. <p>4. Non, la rubrique 11 ne se limite pas au(x) partenaire(s) associé(s), mais porte également sur d'autres mesures d'implication du secteur privé prévues dans le cadre du projet proposé.</p> |
| 68 | <p>We are an NGO in Ghana. We have provided practical skills training for hundreds of disadvantaged youth. We do not however have COTVET certification. If our lead consortium partner is COTVET accredited, can we qualify to apply as a secondary partner?</p> | <p>Yes, if your Lead Partner is an accredited training provider (according to the Eligibility Criteria for Funding Window 1), you can apply as a Secondary Partner.</p> |
| 67 | <p>Can you confirm if the current opening is only for Window 1? Window 3 looks interesting and will provide a significant leverage for ongoing intervention in the skills area.</p> | <p>Yes, currently (as of May 2019), only calls for Funding Window 1 are open and only in selected countries. Please check the current status of calls for proposals and submission deadlines at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding, and check the "News" section of the website for updates.</p> |
| 66 | <p>Please advise when applications for Windows I and III will open.</p> | <p>Call openings for all Funding Windows will be announced on the website www.skillsafrica.org. Please check the current status of calls for proposals and submission deadlines at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding, and check the "News" section of the website for updates.</p> |

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| 65 | Good day, I would like to discuss a skills development centre we are opening later this year - (...) and (...) municipality are still busy building our classrooms. Please co receipt of this mail, so that I can send you all our documentation. | SIFA's policy is to offer fair and transparent opportunities to all applicants. Therefore, we cannot provide personal consultations or review documents sent to us via e-mail. If you have specific questions, please send them to us through the contact form on the website www.skillsafrica.org . The questions and answers will be published on the "FAQ" section of the website. For detailed information about SIFA, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of the website. |
| 64 | Kindly advice on the deadline for the submission of the concept paper in Kenya. The newspaper ad was put on 7th May 2019 indicating the submission deadline as 9th May 2019. One day is not sufficient to get a partner for the project. Regards. | The deadline for submission of Concept Notes for SIFA Funding Window 1 in Kenya is 05 August 2019. Please note: In the online application system SmartME, the exact deadline for each call is displayed as a countdown on the "My Applications" page. |
| 63 | I would wish to be advised on how to submit our concept note. | Concept Notes can be submitted via the online application system SmartME only. To start creating your Concept Note, please register in SmartME at https://www.skillsafrica.org/register . If you already have an account, you can login through the "Sign in" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org . In the application form, you will need to fill requested information about the Lead and Partner entities as well as the proposed project, and upload required supporting documents. For detailed information about the application process, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants, available to download from the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 62 | We are an NGO in Ghana. We want to find out what you consider acceptable accreditation in Ghana for skills training. | In Ghana, the legally mandated agency for accrediting skills training institutions (NGOs and private training providers) is the Council for TVET (COTVET). |
| 61 | Good day, I am from (...), West Cape South Africa. We are opening a skills development centre for unschooled youths who has no education or skill or job. can I apply for funding?? | Funding Window 1 is designed for well-established training institutions that are experienced in skills development. Hence a yet-to-be established skills development centre cannot apply for funding under Funding Window 1. However, Funding Window 3 may provide an opportunity to apply. For detailed Eligibility Criteria please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 60 | Together with SouthAfrican partners, our NGO connects unemployed youth with the job market. We are interested in Skills Africa and would like to visit you for an introduction, if possible? Furthermore, we saw news about the window1 launch. Is it possible to receive the slides? | For detailed information about SIFA, please check the Instruction Guide and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the website www.skillsafrica.org . SIFA's policy is to offer fair and transparent opportunities to all applicants. Therefore, cannot not provide personal consultations. If you have specific questions, please send them to us through the contact form on the website. The questions and answers will be published on the FAQ section of the website. |
| 59 | I wanted to start a small business of pig farming in my home town in (...) but I have been struggling to get a funding , i heard of SIFA earlier today so I would be glad if I can get any kind of help. | SIFA does not provide funding for start-ups or individuals. Eligible projects must be skills development initiatives proposed by experienced stakeholders in the area of skills development. For detailed eligibility criteria, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download from the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 58 | When I input my details to register onto the SmartME system, I am told to check my mail for some information sent to me for verification. I have checked my mail severally and no information has been sent to me. What should I do? | If you did not receive an email with the confirmation link after registering in SmartME, please check your "junk mail" folder and make sure your mailbox is not full. If you still have not received the confirmation e-mail, please repeat the registration process and make sure you enter your e-mail address correctly. |
| 57 | I am writing from Ghana. Does SIFA make provision for Intermediaries (Consultants) to assist applicants with go through the application similar to the Skills Development Fund (SDF) in Ghana? I believe this will help significantly as SDF can attest to this. | There is no provision in the SIFA guidelines for the use of intermediaries at the concept note stage. Applicants may use the services of experts to write their proposals but at their own cost, unlike the case of SDF in Ghana where intermediaries are paid. The use of such intermediaries/consultants is not a guarantee for success, and they remain anonymous in the SIFA concept note application process. However, applicants whose concept notes have been shortlisted may benefit from SIFA support to complete their Full Proposals under certain conditions. |

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| 56 | I am interested in applying for funding from you for our organization. I am however not too sure how to go about the process. May you kindly walk me through step by step | An overview of the steps of the application process is provided in the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org . For detailed information, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants, available to download from the "Apply" section of the website. |
| 55 | Hello. Am from Ghana and I would like to take advantage of this great opportunity. Please I would like to find out what entails in a concept note. Please how should the concept note look like? | <p>The Concept Note is the first stage of the application process. It is intended to be brief, focusing on the fulfilment of the eligibility and selection criteria of the proposal/applicant and introducing the key aspects of the activity proposed to be supported.</p> <p>Concept Notes must be submitted via the online application system SmartME, in the format provided by the system. Applicants need to fill requested information about the Lead and partner entities as well as the proposed project, and upload required supporting documents. To start creating a Concept Note, please register in SmartME at https://www.skillsafrica.org/register.</p> <p>For detailed information about the application process, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants, available to download from the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org.</p> |
| 54 | Dear Sir I am based in Uganda and the Vice Chancellor for (...). I wish to know when other countries will be joined to SIFA. I kindly request you to share with me information about SIFA. We are keenly interested in collaborating with SIFA for employment. | <p>We currently cannot foresee if and when more countries will join the SIFA program, as this depends on negotiations between governments and the African Union Commission. Please check the "News" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org for updates.</p> <p>For detailed information about SIFA, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download on the "Apply" section of the website.</p> |
| 53 | The note: The activities 3-5 can be funded only in combination with the core activities 1 and /or 2 and only up to 5% of the total project cost. Is the 5% of the total project cost referring to the entire project cost or budget related to 3-5? | <p>The activities 3, 4 and 5 (Training of Trainers, Curriculum design, and Learner Scholarships) must not constitute more than 5% of the total cost for the entire project, which is to be supported by a SIFA grant. This is given that your counterpart contribution is not higher than the required minimum (10% for Funding Windows 1 and 3, and 30% for Funding Window 2).</p> <p>You are of course free to add/increase any of the above mentioned activities at your own cost i.e. by increasing your counterpart contribution to the project.</p> |
| 52 | Good Day We are excited at possibly qualifying for funding for our privately owned and accredited engineering training company which focuses on training apprentices and artisans. Can our Primary Partner be our holding company which is also an accredited private education institution in its own right. (...) | <p>Yes, this constellation is possible, given that both entities are registered as required for the respective Funding Window:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Window 1: Lead + Primary Partner must be domestic Window 2: Lead must be international, Primary Partner must be domestic Window 3: Lead must be domestic <p>For more details please check the eligibility criteria described in the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download on the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org.</p> |
| 51 | Bonjour, Je me suis enregistré, on m'a dit que je vais recevoir un email de confirmation mais je ne l'ai pas eu. Veuillez le ré-envoyer s'il vous plait. Merci | <p>Si, lors de votre inscription sur SmartME, vous n'avez pas reçu d'e-mail avec le lien de confirmation, consultez votre dossier "courrier indésirable" et assurez-vous que votre boîte aux lettres électronique n'est pas pleine. Si, après avoir effectué cette vérification, vous n'avez toujours pas reçu d'e-mail de confirmation, répétez le processus d'inscription en vous assurant de saisir correctement votre courrier électronique.</p> |
| 50 | Kindly inform on timelines for the Launch of Call for the concept notes so that our organization can meet any set deadlines. Would also be grateful to have email or telephone contact for further enquiries. Thanks. Regards | <p>For more information on call openings and submission deadlines, please check the current status at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding, and check the "News" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org for updates.</p> <p>For more information about the estimated timelines of the application process for each call, please check the chapter "Call Schedules and Timelines" in the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download on the "Apply" section of our website.</p> <p>If you have further questions, please send us a message using the contact form on the website.</p> |
| 49 | Ref: Call for Proposals for large skills development in South Africa. Can I confirm that a Private College accredited with the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations in South Africa qualifies to apply for Window I. | <p>Yes, a private college accredited with the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) is eligible to apply under Funding Window 1.</p> |

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| 48 | Please I am a teacher in Ghana and I want to join this great call up. I am a TVET teacher and Williams like to be directed to the appropriate quarters where much information can be given to me please. | For detailed information about SIFA, please check Instruction Guide for Applicants freely available to download on the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 47 | Hello, I would like to partner your project with our project. what could be the procedures. our project work with lessprivillaged children and youth in uganda, we develope their talent through providing avocation skills on (...) to see what we do. | Uganda is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in Uganda presently cannot apply for SIFA funding. For more information about SIFA, please check our website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 46 | The Grants Officer, On behalf of our local NGO, I hereby express my honour to apply for your modalities of project funding/grants. Grateful to receive your call for proposals re the implementation of a value-added and innovative agricultural project. | For detailed information about SIFA funding please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download on the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org . Please check the status of calls for proposals at https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding and consult the News section of the website for updates. |
| 45 | I hereby apply for the training sponsorship in your humble organisation please based on my target, ambition and plan for the your in my region especially to reduce the rate of unemployment, illitracy and criminal activities among the youths and tenagers, Humbly submitted please, Thanks. | If you would like to apply for SIFA funding, please check the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org for details about the application process and the requirements for eligible applicants and eligible projects. |
| 44 | hi , How does one apply South African calls for proposals ? | The call for proposals for Funding Window 1 in South Africa is scheduled to open on 17th April 2019. Please check the News section of the website www.skillsafrica.org for further updates. |
| 43 | Je suis un formateur dans un organisme public Tunisien, comment faire pour soumissionner pour un projet avant la date limite ? | Prière de consulter le site Web www.skillsafrica.org , rubrique « Soumissionner », pour plus de détails sur le processus de candidature. La date limite de soumission des notes conceptuelles pour le Guichet de financement 1 en Tunisie est fixée au 31 mai 2019. |
| 42 | I would like to know about individual skills capacitation ? | Individual skills capacitation is not part of the SIFA program. For detailed information about SIFA, please check our website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 41 | My name is (...) please help me WTH my new business in welding,skill development and to create job opportunity | If you would like to apply for SIFA funding, please check the requirements for eligible applicants and eligible projects, described in the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download on the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 40 | Many startups face challenges of tax administration and planning. My organisation offers tax advice and consulting and would want to partner in some of you initiatives based in East Africa. | Please note that SIFA cannot provide support to potential applicants in finding suitable partners for their initiative/project. It is the responsibility of potential applicants to form a partnership (consortium) according to the eligibility criteria if they wish to apply for SIFA funding. For detailed information about the eligibility criteria, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download on the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 39 | We need grant to boost our farming business | If you would like to apply for SIFA funding, please check the requirements for eligible applicants and eligible projects, described in the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download on the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 38 | Financial Support | If you would like to apply for SIFA funding, please check the requirements for eligible applicants and eligible projects, described in the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download on the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org . |

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| 37 | Good day I need more clarity on the 10% contribution to the project and the closing date for applications. | <p>Regarding the Counterpart Contribution: For Funding Windows 1 and 3, Applicants must contribute to the project with their own funds for at least 10% of the total project cost. That means out of the total 100% project cost, maximum 90% can be financed through the SIFA grant and minimum 10% must be financed through your counterpart contribution. For example, if the total cost of your project is 1,000,000 EUR, the grant you can apply for is up to 900,000 EUR and the counterpart contribution must be at least 100,000 EUR. To apply for the maximum grant amount of 3,000,000 EUR for Funding Window 1, your counterpart contribution must be at least 333,333 EUR so the total project cost would be at least 3,333,333 EUR.</p> <p>With regard to the counterpart contribution, the available options are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Co-financing of invoices 2. Implementation of project-related (in-kind) measures that can be quantified in cash terms (e.g. use of project-related specialized workshop/training equipment, or use of project-related specialized facilities owned or long term leased by the applicants, like dormitories or kindergartens for children of female trainees/learners) 3. Payment of taxes (e.g. VAT, import duties and other public charges) on works, goods and services rendered to the project 4. Recurrent costs, such as salaries for additional project-related staff, and utility charges (e.g. water, electricity, heating) for the duration of the project <p>At Concept Note stage, Applicants must submit a commitment letter for the counterpart contribution. At Full Proposal stage, evidence for the</p> |
| 36 | We are the youth of (...) --Uganda try to implement our business of UGX 376,150,000.00 (\$103,073.15) we are hereby request for any support from you we are thanking you in advanced for the support you are yet to grant us your response to us is of high value. kind regards | Uganda is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in Uganda presently cannot apply for SIFA funding. |
| 35 | More info | For detailed information about SIFA, please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants freely available to download on the "Apply" section of our website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 34 | Je pensais que le formulaire d'enregistrement pour avoir un compte allait porter sur une personne morale et non physique. Merci de m'éclairer sur la question. | Le compte SmartME doit être créé par une personne physique. Une fois connecté au compte, vous pourrez choisir l'appel à projet pour lequel vous voudrez soumissionner. C'est dans le formulaire de candidature qu'il faut fournir des détails sur l'entité (personne morale) et sa personne de contact. Ceci aussi bien pour le partenaire principal que pour le(s) partenaire(s) associé(s). |
| 33 | Nous sommes un organisme de formation professionnelle, ouvert au grand public, et appartenant a une société publique. ma question est de savoir qui doit signer la lettre d'engagement de la contrepartie le Directeur Général de la société p ou le Chef de Centre de formation | La personne qui doit signer la lettre d'engagement de la contrepartie est la personne qui est désignée comme Partenaire principal (ou Lead) dans le système de candidature SmartME. |
| 32 | Bonjour Je me présente je m'appelle (...) membre de (...). Comment je peut vous contacter | Prière de consulter le Guide de candidature et la « Foire aux Questions » (FAQ) sur le site www.skillsafrica.org pour plus de détails sur SIFA. Si vous ne trouvez pas la bonne réponse, veuillez nous contacter en utilisant le formulaire sur le site, rubrique « Contact ». Les questions (sous forme anonyme) et réponses seront publiées dans la rubrique FAQ. |
| 31 | Hi we are thanking you in advance for your consideration to us we prayer that God who gives provides to you so that you give. your response is of a high value to us | If you would like to apply for SIFA funding, please check the detailed requirements for eligible applicants and eligible projects, described in the Instruction Guide for Applicants freely available to download on the website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 30 | J'ai l'honneur de venir très respectueusement solliciter auprès de vous la faveur de m'accorder une finance pour un projet dont je suis l'initiative pour développer un auto emploi pour les jeunes d'Afrique | Prière de consulter le Guide de candidature sur le site www.skillsafrica.org , rubrique « Soumissionner », pour plus de détails sur le processus de candidature et les critères d'éligibilité pour une subvention dans le cadre de l'Initiative Compétences pour l'Afrique (SIFA). |
| 29 | Dear Sir, we noticed the launch of window I for Ghana on 03 March. However Ghana is not mentioned in the instruction guide nor in my SmartMe portal? How and where can we find more information on this call? Kind regards, (...) | Ghana has recently become one of SIFA's participating countries. The information on the website www.skillsafrica.org and in the Instruction Guide for Applicants have been updated accordingly. The Call for Concept Notes in Ghana will open on Monday 8th April 2019. Please check the website for further updates. |
| 28 | Are you inviting the applicants throughout the world? Can I apply from India? | SIFA finances skills development projects in selected African countries only. India is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in India cannot apply for SIFA funding. |

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| 27 | Good Day SIFA Management Hope that you are doing well and sorry to interrupt you. Please find documents attached. Kind Regards (...) | Please note that submitting a proposal via e-mail is not permissible and will not be accepted. All proposals must be submitted in the application format in the SmartME online management system, as explained in the Instruction Guide for Applicants freely available to download on the website www.skillsafrica.org . Please go to www.skillsafrica.org/signin if you wish to create and submit an application. |
| 26 | Good day to you. My company is based in Kimberley - Northern Cape Province and is an accredited skills development provider. I would like to apply for the grant funding for a Social Entrepreneurship / Cooperatives Project. Can I apply for such a grant and under which funding window? | Yes, as accredited skills development provider in South Africa you are eligible to apply for a SIFA grant in all three Funding Windows. Your consortium and your project must fulfill the eligibility criteria for the respective Funding Window. For details please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants available to download on our website www.skillsafrica.org . You can submit an application once the call for proposal for the respective Window is opened in your country. Call openings will be announced on the website. |
| 25 | Dear Team, We need funding of 3 million euros to create a set up in your country. That will do skill development in human genealogy. | If you would like to apply for SIFA funding, please check the detailed requirements for eligible applicants and eligible projects, described in the Instruction Guide for Applicants freely available to download on the website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 24 | Je pense que cette initiative pourrait être améliorée en s'étendant à la Société Civile. Je suis membre d'une association qui a pour vocation d'insérer les jeunes diplômés par le biais d'un emploi ou de l'entrepreneuriat. Nous avons un projet de création d'un centre d'accueil, de formation et de documentation pour les jeunes chercheurs d'emploi. Cependant j'ai l'impression qu'en tant qu'association, nous ne pouvons pas postuler. | Les organisations non gouvernementales (ONG) et associations sont tout à fait éligibles si elles sont habilitées à donner des formations. Pour plus de détails sur les critères d'éligibilité veuillez consulter le Guide de Candidature, disponible pour téléchargement sur www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 23 | (...) is a fledgling nonprofit organization with the mandate that is grounded on the eradication of illiteracy and alleviation of poverty in Nigeria, we need your partnership in our free skill centre Lagos in regard to your grant | If you would like to apply for SIFA funding, please check the detailed requirements for eligible applicants and eligible projects, described in the Instruction Guide for Applicants freely available to download on the website www.skillsafrica.org . You can apply once the call for proposals is opened in your country. Call openings will be announced on the website. To submit an application, please register on our online application system (SmartME) at www.skillsafrica.org/signin . |
| 22 | Good day May you please sent us a application form at (...) Kind Regards (...) | Applications for SIFA can be submitted via our online application system (SmartME) only. To register on SmartME, please go to our website www.skillsafrica.org and follow the link provided in the section SIGN IN. For more details about the application process, please check the Instruction Guide freely available to download from the website. |
| 21 | I've been accepted to NYU's Interactive Telecommunications Program - a STEM degree focusing on media technology. I have a bursary from NYU but still need to raise 90,000USD. Would your organisation be able to help in this regard? Or offer insight regarding sources of funding? | SIFA finances skills development projects in selected African countries only. Applicants must be experienced stakeholders in the field of skills development, and form a consortium consisting of 2 or 3 eligible entities, according to the eligibility criteria for each Funding Window. Individuals are not eligible to apply. For detailed definitions of eligible applicants and eligible projects for each Funding Window, please refer to the Instruction Guide freely available to download on the website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 20 | Étant donné que le centre a réouvert en 2018, je ne peux avoir pas avoir les états financiers de 2015, 2016,2017. A cause de ça, est ce que ma candidature peut être acceptable ? | Oui, les candidats peuvent soumettre les états financiers des 3 dernières années disponibles (ou moins) et ajouter des notes explicatives dans les cases correspondantes. |
| 19 | I work for (...) a nonprofit social enterprise focused on bridging the digital divide for women and youth in countries such as Ethiopia, Jordan, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda. I would like if you have an open application process for projects related to those areas along the year? | SIFA Funding Window 3 is designed to finance smaller, innovative (pilot) projects such as image campaigns for skills development, ICT-based approaches to skills development, and entrepreneurship/mentorship programs. For detailed conditions, please check the Instruction Guide freely available to download on the website. Calls for proposals for Funding Window 3 will be launched in SIFA's participating countries at a later stage, and openings will be announced on the website. |

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| 18 | Dera support Team, I have encountered problems with the SIFA system. Those are listed below : Project title : it is written that this title can contain up to 1500 characters. I think there is an error. It might be 150 characters PART. 1.1 Phone number : The systems responds that : should be less than or equal to 2147483647 Part 1.3 : Financial capacity The loading of the financial data is bad, because even by introducing the data on the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 what appears everywhere is financial data on 2017. Please, check. Part 2.2 : Implementation capacity Please check also financial capacity Partner I (the same problem appears) Please help me bests (...) | We have fixed these issues. Please try again and get back to us if you still encounter these or other problems. For purely technical issues, please use the HelpDesk in SmartME (accessible when logged into your SmartME user account). |
| 17 | Dear Sir/madam, I am a lecturer at (...) in Ethiopia currently studying PhD at (...) in Denmark. I would like to apply for the grants SIFA provide, but Ethiopia is not in your eligibility list. Is it still possible to compete please? Best regards, (...) | Ethiopia is one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in Ethiopia will be able to apply for SIFA funding once a Call for proposals is launched in Ethiopia. Call openings will be announced on the website www.skillsafrica.org . Please check the Instruction Guide for Applicants for detailed eligibility criteria. |
| 16 | Les Ministères en charge des questions d'emplois des Jeunes peuvent-ils être partenaires associés au partenaire principal pour le WINDOWS 1 ? | Oui, selon les critères d'éligibilité spécifiées dans le Guide de candidature, les Ministères en charge des questions d'emplois des Jeunes peuvent être Partenaire principal ou Partenaire associé secondaire pour le guichet de financement 1, s'ils sont chargés de la coordination de l'offre en EFTP ou engagés dans le développement des compétences. |
| 15 | Bonjour, Je suis intéressé par l'appel à proposition pour le développement des compétences en Afrique. Je voudrais savoir si les conditions d'éligibilité sur l'expérience spécifique sur un projet de même envergure et la capacité financière concernent tous les trois partenaires réunis pris comme une seule entité ou pris individuellement? | Comme spécifié dans le Guide de candidature dans la section « Critères d'éligibilité », chaque candidat (consortium) doit fournir moins une référence d'un projet d'envergure financière similaire à celle du projet proposé. Cela veut dire qu'il est suffisant si seul le partenaire principal dispose d'une telle expérience. Concernant la capacité financière, seul le partenaire principal doit obligatoirement fournir des copies des états financiers audités ou certifiés des trois dernières années. |
| 14 | As Startup Incubator located in Cameroon, we're not accredited training provider but we also contribute to help youth get digital and entrepreneurship skills, and we help them create their own companies, So are we eligible to apply to the windows 1 ? | As specified in the Instruction Guide, eligible applicants for Window 1 include "Incubation center or company involved in product development" as primary partner. This means functioning incubation centers that have the capacity to incubate new products or technology processes. Start-ups as well as start-up incubators that have never done any incubation activity are not eligible. |
| 13 | We are an NGO re (...) | For detailed information on eligibility for each Funding Window, please refer to the Instruction Guide freely available to download on the website www.SkillsAfrica.org . |
| 12 | Dear SIFA How can I get help or how does a country become a participating member this is very good initiative. Are there any other funding that one can apply for in terms of skills development. Regards (...) | To become a participating country of SIFA, the national government of the country must send an official Expression of Interest to the Commissioner for Human Resource, Science and Technology (HRST) of the African Union Commission (AUC) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for consideration. Only countries can apply to join SIFA, not individuals or institutions. Funding through SIFA Financing Facility is available only through the 3 Funding Windows as presented on www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 11 | I wish to access the funding from Botswana. Physics graduate an entrepreneur currently working as an instrumentation and control consultant. Wish to expand my business by adding a training department targeting graduate engineers and employees in the mining sector. | Botswana is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in Botswana presently cannot apply for SIFA funding. For detailed information on eligibility for each Funding Window, please refer to the Instruction Guide freely available to download on the website www.skillsafrica.org . |
| 10 | Good day Team For clarity, please assist, on Window 1 your website says Cameroon is that correct? This is not in alignment with the guidelines or the map which shows South Africa as a pilot country as well. | Funding Window 1 will be launched in all participating SIFA countries, but Calls for Proposal are opened for each country individually. Currently, only the call for Cameroon has opened. Call openings for the other participating countries including South Africa are expected at a later stage and will be announced on the website. |
| 9 | Can Uganda apply please! | Uganda is not one of SIFA's participating countries, thus applicants based in Uganda presently cannot apply for SIFA funding. |

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| 8 | <p>Good day We are interested in applying for Funding Window 1, however, we are based in South Africa. My question is, are we eligible to apply. The information under funding windows on https://skillsafrica.org/apply#funding states "In Cameroon Only" but under the FAQ it states that applicants from the seven pilot countries can apply Would you be so kind as to clarify Kind regards (...)</p> | <p>Funding Window 1 will be launched in all participating SIFA countries, but Calls for Proposal are opened for each country individually. Currently, only the call for Cameroon has opened. Call openings for the other countries are expected at a later stage and will be announced on the website.</p> |
| 7 | <p>1. Les IPES sont ils éligibles aux projets SIFA 2. Si oui; quels sont leurs chances de réussite 3. La contribution propre de 10% peut elle provenir d'investissement d'un autre fond ou des frais de logement, bourses d'études, etc...</p> | <p>1. Oui, les Instituts Privés d'Enseignement Supérieur (IPES) sont éligibles aux projets SIFA, selon la définition des candidats éligibles dans le Guide de Candidature, disponible pour téléchargement sur www.skillsafrica.org.</p> <p>2. Pour évaluer vos chances de réussite, veuillez vous référer aux critères d'évaluation des propositions, qui sont notamment : Viabilité et prêt à être mis en œuvre ; Innovation ; Pérennité ; Impact régional et répliquabilité ; Implication du secteur privé ; Accès pour/impact sur les femmes, les jeunes et les groupes vulnérables ; Qualité globale de la proposition ; Pertinence. Les critères sont décrites en détail dans le Guide de Candidature et dans la section « Critères d'évaluation » sur https://skillsafrica.org/fr/soumissionner.</p> <p>3. Les options de financement de la contrepartie du candidat sont décrites en détail dans le chapitre « Contrepartie du candidat » dans le Guide de Candidature. Ainsi, l'option I (« Mise en œuvre de mesures liées au projet en nature pouvant être quantifiées en espèces ») et l'option IV (« Prise en charge de coûts récurrents ») pourraient inclure par exemple des frais de logement ou des bourses d'études. Par contre, la contrepartie du candidat ne peut pas provenir d'investissement d'un autre fond.</p> |
| 6 | <p>I will like to request for a comprehensive information on SIFA, Please.</p> | <p>For detailed information, please check the Instruction Guide available to download on the website www.skillsafrica.org, and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) section on the website.</p> <p>If you have specific questions, please send them to us through the contact form on the website. The questions and answers will be published on the FAQ section of the website.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Dear Sir / Madam, I Would like to ask a question about your Call for proposal. At the website: https://www.skillsafrica.org/apply Funding window 1 there is a note. In Cameroon only. That's the only place where there is a note that window 1 limited to one country. In the Instruction Guide for Applicants there is a note on page 4 that says: To begin with seven countries have been selected as pilot countries – Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tunisia and Togo. Can you please confirm that window 1 is only for Cameroon. Thank you for your reply. Greetings, (...)</p> | <p>Funding Window 1 will be launched in all participating SIFA countries, but Calls for Proposal are opened for each country individually. Currently, only the call for Cameroon has opened. Call openings for the other countries are expected at a later stage and will be announced on the website.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Bonjour à vous Notre ONG basée à (...) au Cameroun souhaite connaître les possibilités de coopération avec vos programmes Bien cordialement (...)</p> | <p>Pour des informations détaillées, veuillez consulter le Guide d'instruction et la « Foire aux questions » (FAQ) disponibles sur le site Web www.skillsafrica.org.</p> <p>La politique de SIFA est d'offrir des opportunités équitables et transparentes à tous les candidats. Par conséquent, nous ne pouvons pas offrir de consultations personnelles. Si vous avez des questions spécifiques, veuillez les envoyer via le formulaire de contact disponible sur le site Web. Les questions et réponses seront publiées dans la section FAQ du site Web.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Thanks for this opportunity. We are a (...) civil society organisation based in (...). We train young Cameroonians in ICTs, soft and hardware development. We have a big training center which can take 10 desk top computers but we only have 2 for now. And we do not have audited accounts for the last three years. Can we submit a concept note?</p> | <p>1. Anyone with a potential concept note fulfilling the overall requirements for a call can submit an application. For detailed definitions of eligible applicants and eligible projects for each Funding Window, please refer to the Instruction Guide freely available to download on the website www.skillsafrica.org.</p> <p>2. At the Concept Note stage, eligible candidates have to provide audited or certified financial statements of the Lead for the last three available years. Certified financial statements are normally signed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors or the Chairman of the Governing Board of the training institution. This may be compared with the externally audited financial statements which are signed by the External Auditor. At the Full Proposal stage, shortlisted applicants will be required to submit their 3-year audited accounts.</p> |

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| 2 | Is Funding Window 1 for Cameroon only? | Funding Window 1 will be launched in all participating SIFA countries, but Calls for Proposal are opened for each country individually. Currently, only the call for Cameroon has opened. Call openings for the other countries are expected at a later stage and will be announced on the website. |
| 1 | <p>Good morning, I hope this email finds you well. After reviewing your intriguing Skills Initiative For Africa, I am particularly interested in Window III. My business helps to develop workforce pipelines that transform diplomas to dollars where it brings in several stakeholders (companies, municipalities, communities and more) to unify their efforts for workplace readiness. I would like to see if I could set up a call with someone who may be interested in learning more and to see if I could be of assistance in developing a stronger economy that brings jobs and a promise of a brighter tomorrow. My phone number is (...) and my website is (...) Thank you for the consideration. I look forward to hearing back from you soon. (...)</p> | <p>For detailed information, please check the Instruction Guide and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the website www.skillsafrica.org. SIFA's policy is to offer fair and transparent opportunities to all applicants. Therefore, we cannot provide personal consultations. If you have specific questions, please send them to us through the contact form on the website. The questions and answers will be published on the FAQ section of the website.</p> |