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**ELIGILIBITY CRITERIA: SOUTH AFRICA**

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| **Specific National rules** | Funding is available to registered companies and SMEs as per South African definition. Science Councils and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are also eligible to apply and should collaborate with SMEs as partners.  Potential applicants must inform the National Project Coordinator of their interest to submit a proposal and share the project outline before submitting the project proposal with international partners. |
| **Eligible costs and funding rates** | Each project will go through a financial negotiation process with the national funding body, (DSI) to finalise the exact percentage funding. The funding will be transferred in tranches in accordance with the project duration. Co-funding between the SA participants and the DSI to be as follows:  • SMEs - Up to 75%   * Science Councils and Universities – up to 80%   • Large Companies - Up to 50%  The following are the legible costs to be funded:  **Direct costs**:  Travel and Daily subsistence allowance including accommodation  The travel costs will be covered in line with the guidelines of South African government regulations.  **Consumables and supplies**  Any consumables necessary for the implementation of the project may be considered as direct eligible costs. Consumables are only eligible costs under the project if bought after the start date of the project.  **Costs of personnel**  DSI will cover personnel costs to be incurred during project implementation. Applicants must ensure reasonable costs allocated to personnel.  **Human Capacity Development**  Costs for Masters/PhDs students working on the project as part of their studies. i.e. (partial bursary and salary/stipend)  **Subcontracting**  DSI will not prevent SA applicants from subcontract activities within the project but encourages SA participants to commit to activities that they are mostly able to implement. Subcontracting of parties outside South Africa will not be supported. Percentage subcontracting should be per call.  The co-investment contract will be between DSI and the main SA applicant and not the subcontractor, however the subcontracting agreement must be furnished to the DSI prior to payment of the first tranche. |
| **Additional documents required** | To be considered for national funding the applicants will be required to submit a national funding application form and submit to the DSI within seven (7) days of closing date of the call. The application from will be forwarded to applicants after the first meeting with the DSI. |
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