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African Union Commission Kicks off the First Phase of the Evaluation Process of the 2016 edition of the African Union Research Grants

Addis Ababa, Sept 21st, 2016: The first phase of the Evaluation Process (opening and administrative check) of the 2016 Edition of the African Union Research Grant Open Call for Proposals has commenced under the supervision of an inter departmental Evaluation Committee.

The 2016 Open Call for Proposals was launched on the 18th of May, 2016 with a deadline for submission of applications set for the 31st of August, 2016. A total of 256 applications from 31 African countries and 8 European countries were received.

This call for proposals supports the Africa Science Technology and Innovation Strategy-2024 which addresses the aspirations identified under Agenda 2063 and Priority 3 on Human development of the EU-Africa partnership. The theme of the call is **Food & Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA) with particular attention on Sustainable Intensification.**



The Commission through the support of the European Union secured a sum of 17.5 million euro under the EU Pan-African Programme to launch 2 calls for research proposals in Africa in 2016 and 2017. The 2016 Call for proposal is valued at USD 9,000,000, with an allocation between 500,000 USD and 1,000,000 USD per applicant.

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