Call for applications

Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026-2027: Africa Initiative IV

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Keywords: Public Health, Climate, R&I, global challenges, green energy, sustainable agriculture

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Funding amount: €500 million across Africa Initiative IV (25 calls)

Duration of funding: Please refer to the call schedule

Funder deadline: Please refer to the call schedule for call deadlines

UCT Internal Deadlines:
UCT Intention to submit deadline: Please complete the [intention-to-submit](#) form if you intend applying for these calls.
- **UCT eRA:** Approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration (eRA) system is **REQUIRED** prior to submission to the funder.
- Applicants should contact faculty finance/budget reviewer by no later than **four weeks before funder deadline (see calls below).**
- [eRA Internal Approvals forms](#) should reach the Finance Approver by no later than **two weeks before funder deadline (see calls below).**

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Building on the positive outcomes of the Africa Initiative I, II and III, the European Commission has launched Africa Initiative IV under the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026–2027, with an allocation of approximately €500 million to advance EU–Africa cooperation in research and innovation (R&I). Africa Initiative IV focuses on supporting joint EU–Africa research and innovation activities. This initiative directly contributes to the implementation of the AU–EU Innovation Agenda, targeting short-, medium-, and long-term actions across four key priority areas: Public Health, Green Transition, Innovation and Technology and Capacities for Science.

A recording of the Horizon Europe "Africa Initiative IV" Webinar - Focus on South Africa held on 16 March is available and prospective applicants are encouraged to watch it before applying: [link to webinar](#)

Africa Initiative IV Calls for 2026 - 2027

Call ID	Topic Title	Status	Deadline	Total Budget	Thematic Area	Link
HORIZON-CL4-2026-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING-09	Advanced Local Digital Twins using AI for Early Warning and Preparedness	OPEN	15 Apr 2026	€6M	Digital / AI	[HORIZON-CL4-2026-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING-09](#)
HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-ENVHLTH-01	Towards a better understanding and anticipation of the impacts of climate	OPEN	16 Apr 2026	€55M	Public Health	[HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-ENVHLTH-01](#)

	change on health					
HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-04	Development of novel vaccines for viral pathogens with epidemic potential	OPEN	16 Apr 2026	€44.2M	Public Health	HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-04
HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-11	Innovative technologies and tools for exploration and data modelling of raw materials	OPEN	21 Apr 2026	€18.5M	Raw Materials	HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-11
HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-12	Technologies for innovative extraction of critical raw materials	OPEN	21 Apr 2026	€19M	Raw Materials	HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-12
HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-13	Monitoring of secondary raw materials	OPEN	21 Apr 2026	€4M	Raw Materials	HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-13
HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-14	Improving availability of secondary raw materials through recycling	OPEN	21 Apr 2026	€28M	Raw Materials	HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-MAT-PROD-14
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-05	Creative alliances: Fostering global partnerships in cultural policies and CCI innovation	UPCOMING	23 Sep 2026	€15M	Culture & Inclusive Society	HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-HERITAGE-05
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-02	Understanding the forms of local democracy in low-income and low-middle income countries	UPCOMING	23 Sep 2026	€12M	Democracy & Governance	HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-02
HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-07	Supporting post-conflict democracy and reconstruction	UPCOMING	23 Sep 2026	€12M	Democracy & Governance	HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-07
HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-22	Innovative advanced materials & processes reducing critical raw material dependency	UPCOMING	02 Feb 2027	€36M	Digital/Industry/Space	HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-22

HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-16	Technologies for innovative processing of raw materials	UPCOMING	02 Feb 2027	€49M	Digital/Industry/Space	HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-16
HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-17	Expert network on critical raw materials	UPCOMING	02 Feb 2027	€3M	Digital/Industry/Space	HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-MAT-PROD-17
HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1-11	Africa–EU co-fund action on climate	UPCOMING	4 Mar 2027	€15M	Climate & Energy	HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1-11
HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING-06	International cooperation in AI	UPCOMING	18 Mar 2027	€3M	Digital/Industry/Space	HORIZON-CL4-2027-04-DIGITAL-EMERGING-06
HORIZON-CL5-2027-02-D3-10	Renewable Energy Valleys in Africa	UPCOMING	31 Mar 2027	€9M	Climate & Energy	HORIZON-CL5-2027-02-D3-10
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-05	Development of novel small molecule antiviral therapeutics for pathogens with epidemic potential	UPCOMING	13 Apr 2027	€45M	Public Health	HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-05
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-06	Development of monoclonal antibodies for Flaviviruses	UPCOMING	13 Apr 2027	€38M	Public Health	HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-06
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-07	Development of monoclonal antibodies for Filo-, Nairo-, Phenui-, Picorna-, Toga viruses	UPCOMING	13 Apr 2027	€38M	Public Health	HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-07
HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-08	Innovative antimicrobials against resistant pathogens	UPCOMING	13 Apr 2027	€45M	Public Health	HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-08
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-08	Global Human Rights and EU values	UPCOMING	23 Sep 2027	€12M	Culture & Inclusive Society	HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-08
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-05	Development aid and democratic governance	UPCOMING	23 Sep 2027	€12M	Culture & Inclusive Society	HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-05
HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-06	Future-proofing sustainable cultural tourism	UPCOMING	23 Sep 2027	€14.5M	Culture & Inclusive Society	HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-HERITAGE-06
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-09	AU–EU Partnership on Food & Nutrition Security &	UPCOMING	23 Sep 2026	€6.75M	Food & Agriculture	HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-09

	Sustainable Agriculture					
HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-02	Optimising water-nutrient-energy nexus for climate-smart agriculture (two-stage)	UPCOMING	23 Sep 2026	€12M	Food & Agriculture	[HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-02](#)

Eligibility Criteria

See relevant criteria set by the funder by clicking on the links provided above.

Important notes

- Applicants are strongly advised to only lead on an EU application if they have experience in leading grants of this size.
- Possible forex losses still pose a significant challenge on EU grants.
- These grants carry a significant reporting and accounting burden and have complex post-award administration requirements.
- Please complete our Intention to submit form in order to enable us to advise, plan and support as needed.

Application Process

- Institutional approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration (eRA) system is required before submission.
- Please to be mindful of any differences between UCT internal deadlines and those set by the external funder. Plan your application timeline accordingly to meet both sets of deadlines.

UCT Internal Requirements

Requirement	Deadline
Funder deadline	**See listed calls**
Complete the [Intention to Submit](#) form	Immediately
Initiate eRA and send draft budget to budget reviewer	4 weeks before the funder deadline
PI submits an eRA Proposal approval request to the Finance Approver	2 weeks before the funder deadline
Approval form and all supporting documents to reach RC&I via eRA	Not applicable
PI to submit the application on the funder portal by the funder	See relevant deadline as

deadline	per listed calls