

Call for applications: Horizon Europe Work Programme 2025: Africa Initiative III

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

Funding amount and duration of funding: €500.5 million across 24 calls for proposals

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

UCT Internal Deadlines

- **UCT Intention to submit deadline:** Please complete [Intention-to- Submit](#) form an by **30 June 2025** (applicable to all calls).
- **UCT eRA:** Approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration (eRA) system is **REQUIRED** prior to submission to the funder. Applicants should:
 - complete the Intention to submit form by **30 June 2025**
 - contact faculty finance/budget reviewer by no later than **18 July 2025**.
 - [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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Africa Initiative III is a component of Horizon Europe's international cooperation dimension, aiming to accelerate the translation of scientific knowledge into action around shared global challenges in Africa and Europe. In Work Programme 2025 there is a total budget of 500.5 MEUR through 24 topics spread across 5 themes to boost EU-Africa cooperation on Research and Innovation. These calls are designed to involve African institutions and researchers, ensuring meaningful participation in consortia tackling shared challenges in areas such as climate change adaptation, clean energy, sustainable agriculture, digital innovation, science for policy, and equitable access to health. More information can be found [here](#). We recommend watching the webinar hosted on 28 May. To access the webinar, click [here](#).

Themes:

1. Public Health
2. Green Transition
3. Innovation & Technology
4. Capacities for Science
5. Cross-cutting issues

Theme	URL	Topic title	Budget	Deadline
Public Health	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Development of antibodies and antibody-derived proteins for the prevention and treatment of infectious disease with epidemic potential HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-DISEASE-03	Up to 10 MEUR per grant	16/09/25
Green Transition – Climate change and	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Fostering equity and justice n climate policies – Societal readiness pilot HORIZON-CL5-2025-06-D1-06	Up to 5 MEUR per grant	24/09/25

sustainable energy	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Sustainable processing and refining of raw materials to produce battery grade Li-ion battery materials (Batt4EU Partnership) HORIZON-CL5-2025-02-D2-03	Up to 10 MEUR per grant	02/09/25
	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Building a Long-Term Africa Union (AU) and European Union (EU) Research and Innovation joint collaboration on Sustainable Renewable Energies HORIZON-CL5-2025-02-D3-15	4 MEUR	02/09/25
	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Implementing the climate action pillar of the EU-African Union Partnership on Climate Change and Sustainable Energy HORIZON-CL5-2025-06-D1-07	4 MEUR	24/09/25
	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Innovative solutions for resilient and climate-adapted coastal communities in the Atlantic HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-COMMUNITIES-03	6 MEUR	16/09/25
Green Transition – Food and Nutrition, Security and Sustainable Agriculture	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Developing a joint AU-EU Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS) supporting the Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA) partnership HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-16	6 MEUR	16/09/25
	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Nutrition in emergency situations - Ready-to-use Supplementary Food (RUSF) and Ready-to-use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-17	8 MEUR	16/09/25
	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Developing innovative phytosanitary measures for plant health - focus on systems approach for pest risk management HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-05	Up to 6 MEUR per grant	16/09/25
	URL unavailable	Developing agroecology living labs and lighthouses for climate action under the Food and Nutrition	Up to 6 MEUR per grant	04/09/25 (1 st stage;

		Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA) Partnership HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-05-two-stage		18/02/26 2 nd stage)
	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Broadening the living labs approach for soil health in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) HORIZON-MISS-2025-05-SOIL-02-two-stage	Up to 6 MEUR per grant	04/09/25 (1 st stage; 18/02/26 2 nd stage
Green Transition – Water Security and Biodiversity	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Additional activities for the European Partnership Water Security for the Planet (Water4All) HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE-05	70 MEUR (23 MEUR in 2025; 23 MEUR in 2026; 24 MEUR in 2027)	16/09/25
	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Overcoming the barriers for scaling up circular water management in agriculture HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-03	12 MEUR; Up to 6 MEUR per grant	16/09/25
	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Additional activities for the European Biodiversity Partnership: Biodiversa+ HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-BIODIV-01	60 MEUR (20 MEUR in 2025; 20 MEUR in 2026; 20 MEUR in 2027)	17/09/25
Green Transition / Innovation & Technology	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	EU Co-funded Partnership on raw materials for the green and digital transition (Co-funded partnership Raw Materials for the Green and Digital Transition) HORIZON-CL4-INDUSTRY-2025-01-MATERIALS-64	90 MEUR (45 MEUR in 2025 and 45 MEUR in 2027)	23/09/25
Innovation & Technology	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Open topic on citizen and regional and/or local authorities' engagement in enhanced disaster risk awareness, including education, and preparedness HORIZON-CL3-2025-01-DRS-01	13.5 MEUR (Up to 4.50 MEUR per grant)	12/11/25
	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Technologies for critical raw materials and strategic raw materials from end-of-life products (IA)	24 MEUR (Up to 8 MEUR per grant)	23/09/25

		HORIZON-CL4-INDUSTRY-2025-01-MATERIALS-61		
	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Strategic Partnerships for Raw Materials: Innovative Approaches for sustainable production of Critical Raw Materials (IA) HORIZON-CL4-INDUSTRY-2025-01-MATERIALS-62	30 MEUR (Up to 7.5 MEUR per Grant)	23/09/25
	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Innovative solutions for the sustainable production for Semiconductor raw materials (IA) HORIZON-CL4-INDUSTRY-2025-01-MATERIALS-63	24 MEUR (Up to 8 MEUR per grant)	23/09/25
	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	GenAI for Africa HORIZON-CL4-2025-04-HUMAN-08	5 MEUR (Up to 1.5 MEUR per grant)	02/10/25
Capacities for Science – Cross-cutting issues	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Bridging historical past and future potential through conservation, preservation, and adaptive use of Europe’s contentious and dissonant heritage HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-08	3.5 MEUR	16/09/25
Cross-cutting issues	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Open topic on Improving disaster risk management and governance to ensure self-sufficiency and sustainability of operations in support of enhanced resilience HORIZON-CL3-2025-01-DRS-02	10.5 MEUR (Up to 3.5 MEUR per grant)	12/11/2025
	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Open strategic autonomy, economic and research security in EU foreign policy HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-04	7 MEUR (Up to 3.5 MEUR per grant)	16/09/2025
Green Transition / Cross-cutting issues	EU Funding & Tenders Portal EU Funding & Tenders Portal	Migration and climate change: building resilience and enhancing sustainability HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-11	2 MEUR	16/09/2025

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.
- Applications must reach the RC&I stage at least five working days before the funder's deadline.
- RC&I will not be responsible for missed deadlines if the application is not submitted with the required lead time.

UCT internal requirements

	Deadline
PI to initiate an eRA Proposal Approval request and alert their faculty finance office of the budgetary support needed	18 July 2025
PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request with a draft budget to the Budget Reviewer step on eRA	4 weeks before the funder deadline
PI to submit an eRA Proposal Approval request to the Finance Approver step on eRA	2 weeks before the funder deadline
Approval form and all supporting documents to reach RC&I via eRA	1 week before the funder deadline
PI to submit the application on the funder portal by the funder deadline	See relevant deadline as per listed calls

Please complete the [intention-to-submit](#) form if you intend applying for any of the calls listed above.

Funder deadlines:

Please refer to the call schedule above for the different call deadlines