

Launch of the 2nd AfricaAdapt Knowledge Sharing Innovation Fund:

Call for submissions open 9-20 August 2010!

AfricaAdapt is launching its second Knowledge Sharing Innovation Fund. The Fund offers support to African researchers, local and civil society organisations, cooperatives and community networks that create new ways of sharing knowledge between African communities. These poor and vulnerable communities rarely get the opportunity to share their valuable experience and learn from others in formal exchanges of knowledge on climate change adaptation.

How does the AfricaAdapt Innovation Fund work?

In 2009, the AfricaAdapt Innovation Fund helped nine African projects supporting climate change adaptation. These ranged from a community centre using multimedia in Lukwanga, Uganda, to the 'Radio Citizen' Club in Senegal.

This year the AfricaAdapt Innovation Fund is offering grants of up to US\$6,000 to projects that seek to overcome barriers to share knowledge with 'hard-to-reach' or marginalised African communities. These barriers may be related to language, access to information and marginalisation due to gender or disability. Theatre performances, songs, radio broadcasts, visual arts, videos and comics are just a few ideas about how they could be overcome. The key is to ensure these groups can learn and share.

Why reach out to marginalised communities?

Ensuring that vulnerable communities are active in the exchange of African knowledge, best practices and know-how on climate change adaptation is a high priority for AfricaAdapt. These communities are the most directly threatened by climatic impacts, However they also have a wealth of experience in adapting to past changes that could benefit other communities.

Do you have an idea? Apply now!

African researchers, local and civil society organisations, cooperatives and community networks are encouraged to submit their ideas.

Important dates:

First round of submissions open **9 - 20 August, 2010**.

Shortlisted applicants will be notified by **6 September, 2010**.

What is the AfricaAdapt Network?

AfricaAdapt is a network that facilitates knowledge sharing between different stakeholder groups. The network built an online African adaptation community of interest, with a website that has 600 members across stakeholder groups from all corners of Africa.

AfricaAdapt is a hub for stimulating innovation in both offline and online knowledge sharing practices, through the impact of the Knowledge Sharing Innovation Fund. For more info on Innovation Fund projects that were selected in 2009, please visit our website: <http://tinyurl.com/374ebpz>