

Belmont Forum FORESTS 2024

Annex for United Network for Climate Inclusivity Advocacy Livelihoods, Inherent Utilization and Mobilization - UNCIALIUM

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| Duration of time: | 3 years |
| Country/(ies) or region supported | Only the Congolese researchers from institutions based in the State of Brazzaville, Pointe-Noire, Sangha, Likouala, Cuvette in Republic of Congo. |
| Description/qualifications of eligible participants | Applicants from Republic of Congo must adhere to the overall rules and conditions of a Regular Research Grant of Scientific Inquiry for Sustainable Development and Climate Action (SISDAC), as outlined by UNCIALIUM, superseded by the specific rules for this Call that must be requested to UNCIALIUM by email. Details are available at www.uncialium.org/belmontforum |
| Stipulations for the maximum number of researchers in the consortium | There is no limit on the number of researchers in a project, but it should align with the funding allocated |
| Type of contribution + amount of contribution (K\$) | Fund resources up to 3 projects for a maximum value of \$50.000.00 USD. |
| Maximum amount that can be requested per project or by researcher (K\$) | The maximum total budget requested from UNCIALIUM for a single consortium must not exceed \$15,000 USD including responsible administrative costs. |
| Restrictions for use of funds | Resources must be used with grants, funding and capital linked exclusively to the selected project. Within each selected consortium, funding of the participating researchers is provided by their respective national funding organizations in accordance with their standard award terms and conditions. All projects must include a budget for participation in 3 project meetings that will be held back-to-back with a scientifically relevant international |

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| | <p>conference or event. Funding can be for project-related costs supporting research, data management, travel, workshops, capacity building, communication and dissemination costs.</p> <p>Funding can cover different areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumables: This includes the acquisition of chemicals or materials essential for research or production of which limited expenditure of up to 10% of the total project budget for equipment and software is permitted. • Personnel costs: UNCIALIUM funding is not normally available to replace or supplement investigators' salaries although funding may be used for stakeholder participation. The latter can be used to remunerate workers in the field as well as for their contributions and personnel expenses for administrative staff whose administrative costs can be billed up to 7% only under authorization from SISDAC. • Travel and stay: In principle, travel costs are applicable for domestic travel directly linked to research activities, as well as to facilitate the mobility of Congolese researchers through SISDAC. • Scientific Inquiry for Sustainable Development and Climate Action (SISDAC) is exclusively intended to UNCIALIUM Researchers. However, Congolese researchers from another institution can apply for researcher mobility funding, provided they collaborate with a UNCIALIUM research group. <p>UNCIALIUM funds can only be managed through institutionally controlled accounts. UNCIALIUM will only make awards to the lead institution (Lead PI or UNCIALIUM PI) which will be responsible for disbursement to Co-PIs at collaborating institutions (sub-awards).</p> |
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| | <p>If the Consortium Lead PI is not from an eligible UNCIALIUM country, the consortia should determine which Co-PI in an UNCIALIUM eligible country would serve as the UNCIALIUM PI. If the Consortium Lead PI is from an eligible UNCIALIUM member country, this person would also be considered the UNCIALIUM PI. If the Consortium is selected for funding, the UNCIALIUM PI will sign a grant agreement with the UNCIALIUM, indicating roles and responsibilities with respect to managing the grant, including sub-awards, and annual financial and technical reporting requirements. A representative of the sponsored programs office or equivalent for the UNCIALIUM PI should email the UNCIALIUM contact point notifying them of the request for funding prior to the CRA submission deadline.</p> |
| <p>Specific themes within the call</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information systems, • Local knowledge, • Bioeconomy, • Environmental cycles • Ecological connectivity and wildlife behavior, • Loss of biodiversity and ecosystem functions, • Indigenous peoples, local knowledge and territories, • Links with human health, • Understand the transversal connections of tropical forests, • Governance, • Articulation to establish environmental/climate justice, • Relations between forests and local populations. |
| <p>Where to submit proposal</p> | <p>https://bfgo.org/ (for consortium lead)</p> <p>https://www.uncialium.org/belmontforum (For all congolese applications seeking support from UNCIALIUM)</p> |
| <p>[Additional information]</p> | <p>Congolese researchers and institutions are encouraged to submit proposals aligned with a or more of the themes by demonstrating a transdisciplinary approach.</p> |

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| | <p>The researchers and/or institutions involved must implement an intellectual system ownership, access and use of genetic resources, traditional knowledge and culture expressions, transfer of matter and data management in accordance with current standards National laws in the Republic of Congo.</p> <p>Partners researchers of a consortium based in Republique of Congo must follow the specific guidelines as mentioned above, otherwise they may jeopardize the whole group. Please contact UNCIALIUM at any times. The main proponent of the consortium must be included in the proposal sent to UNCIALIUM. Additional documents will be requested when the proposal is submitted to SISDAC.</p> <p>Teams must include an equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) plan in their proposal to explain how they will mainstream considerations of EDI in the composition of the research team, in the research activities, and in the research questions. If EDI considerations are not applicable to the research approach or research questions, please provide justification.</p> <p>Requierement for Co-funding : This call for grants is based on the expectation of co-funding so that the resources necessary to carry out projects will not be fully dependent on the UNCIALIUM grant. Co-funding is a key factor for projects being considered for these grants. The UNCIALIUM anticipates greater co-funding in upper and upper middle-income countries with greater science and technology development. Co-funding encourages additional resources —funding, knowledge, and expertise—to the program. It increases the ownership of the project by participants and contributes to the establishment of strong partnerships. Co-funding also helps the IAI to focus its funding in supporting the incremental cost of projects, with emphasis in backing UNCIALIUM member countries that are in more need of support to develop their</p> |
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| | <p>science and technology capacity. Co-funding is defined as resources that are additional to the UNCIALIUM grant and that are provided by grantee’s institutions, governments (science funding agencies, other government bodies at the national, subnational and local levels), other multilateral agencies, development cooperation agencies, the private sector, private foundations, civil society organizations, and various type of beneficiaries, for supporting the implementation of the proposal and the achievement of its objectives.</p> <p>Details are available at the UNCIALIUM guidelines at https://www.uncialium.org. In case of doubts, please contact UNCIALIUM through the designated contact point.</p> |
| <p>GPC point of contact</p> | <p>Juliana Maloundza Ndinga</p> <p>Administrator of Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Coordinator of Scientific Inquiry for Sustainable Development and Climate Action (SISDAC)</p> <p>Phone : +242 06 493 1652 Email: julianandinga@uncialium.org</p> |