



SADC SECRETARIAT RESPONSES 1st INFORMATION SESSION

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CONTRACT TITLE: SUPPORT TO INDUSTRIALISATION AND PRODUCTIVE SECTORS (SIPS)

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	Key issues	Response
1	Are profit making organizations eligible?	Yes, profit making legal entities are eligible in this call provided they comply with paragraph 2.2.1. of the Guidelines for Applicants, i.e. <i>be established in one or more than one SADC Member State and/or be established in a) and ACP State b) a Member State of the European Union etc.</i>
2	Are entities from South Africa Eligible?	According to paragraph 2.2.1. of the Guidelines for Applicants, South African legal entities (profit or non-profit) may apply for the grant or participate as affiliates but the actions must take place in at least two of the remaining Member States.
3	Are grant actions limited to one Member State eligible?	The activities must be carried out in at least two Member States.
4	Selection criteria on pairing of countries	Not all the activities in one application/proposal should take place in at least two Member States, some may take in one Member States, others in a second Member states and a third category in both Member States. The SADC Secretariat encourages presenting proposals having impact in as many Member States as possible.
5	Are activities related to health textile eligible?	Yes, provided that they are presented under ARV and Pharma Value Chains

6	How many applicants is the grant scheme targeting?	The total grants available is USD 3.1 Million so about 5-7 grants will be awarded considering the grants threshold of USD 400,000 to USD 600,000 per grant.
7	Is the winning proposal from the first round available in the public domain?	The Contracting Authority is expecting to award between 5 and 7 grants under this call for proposals. The list of beneficiaries awarded will be published in the SADC website in accordance with SADC rules.
8	Can the presentation be shared by email?	The presentation will be shared by email. The presentation can also be downloaded under SADC PowerPoint info session 23 Nov. https://www.sadc.int/opportunities/procurement/open-procurement-opportunities/request-applications-sips/ The presentation contains an error in slide 15 (Eligibility of the Lead Applicant) where it says that the lead applicant must be “not profit”. Profit making legal entities are also eligible for this grant scheme.

End of Responses

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