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SADC SECRETARIAT RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATIONS

REFERENCE NUMBER: SADC/3/5/2/117

REQUEST FOR SERVICES TITLE: REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ENHANCED COOPERATION AND DIALOGUE FOR REGIONAL INTEGRATION: THE SADC DIALOGUE FACILITY (SDF) - SUPPORT TO EVIDENCE-BASED AND RESULTS-ORIENTED POLICY DIALOGUE

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Question Nr	Question	SADC Secretariat Response
Nr. 1	Could you kindly clarify if Portuguese Citizens, NGOs, or small businesses are eligible to apply?	Kindly refer to Section 2.1.1. (1) of the Guidelines for Applicants.
	I have worked or collaborated with various SADC countries previously.	
Nr. 2	I hereby seek clarity on whether my research should only focus on Zimbabwe or it has to cover a few countries?	Kindly refer to Section 2.1.4 (Location) of the Guidelines for Applicants.
Nr. 3	I wanted to kindly confirm if consulting Firms are eligible? i see there is " non profit making organisations"	Kindly refer to Section 2.1.1. (1) of the Guidelines for Applicants.
Nr. 4	Under Co- financing, can typical contribution in human resources, e.g. specific scenarios like communication teams or events management teams be added as contribution in kind?	As per 1.3(a) SADC will co-finance anything between 80% and 90%, as per the agreement (contract). Exceptionally, as per 1.3(b), this can be increased to 100%, as per the conditions therein.
		Co-financing principle applies and relates to the entire action and its related invoices and not per specific budget item. In practical terms, once the specific budget lines and related items within a specific contract are invoiced and declared eligible,



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		SADC will apply the above percentage on the total amount of the invoice.
		As for the contribution in-kind, please refer to the relevant section on page 12 of the Guidelines for Applicants.
Nr. 5	Covid-19 situation will improve mid next year, should I plan digital virtual meetings or face to face meetings.	There is no certainty with regards to the situation of COVID-19, hence no guidance can be provided on how to plan. Applicants can plan for digital virtual meetings or face to face meetings as they see fit.
Nr. 6	Cutoff date, what is going to happen after January 25th 2021.	Provisional dates are provided in the Guidelines for Applicants section 2.5.2.
Nr. 7	Can one submit application of all the themes or it should be a theme per application.	Guidance is provided under section 2.1.4 of the guidelines (Number of applications and grants per applicants / affiliated entities). However, an application can focus on one or more themes.
Nr. 8	How many application can one applicants submit per this call for application.	Guidance is provided under section 2.1.4 of the guidelines (Number of applications and grants per applicants / affiliated entities)

End of Responses

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