**Community Actionable Research Projects and Enterprises (CARP-E) Call**

**Proposal Template.**

Please make your case for support through the following template. Refer carefully to Community Actionable Research Projects and Enterprises (CARP-E) Request for Proposals (RFP) Guidance. Boxes will expand with text. ***Do not exceed******10 pages for Sections 1-7 inclusive****.*

***Please leave the instructions. The 10-page limit includes instructions.***

Vague or general answers are likely to lower the score. Please be specific, justify, and demonstrate your track record where relevant and appropriate.



1. **Rationale for participating in CARP-E**

*Describe the overarching motivation to participate in CARP-E and explain why you are well-suited for this role. Include your experience in and ability to lead multi-stakeholder partnerships, highlighting the expertise of identified members from one or more partners in: (i) the specific intervention area, business management, product development, finance, marketing, and enterprise registration and scaling. (ii) The division of roles and responsibilities between researchers and non-researchers to maintain a focus on their needs.*

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**2. Problem definition and objectives**

*Describe the problem and your unique solution. Provide clear objectives for improving the research/innovation/enterprises (whether products/services/processes)? Outline the proposed approach to achieve the objectives. Please include a brief outline of the scoping results for areas of intervention and potential or existing enterprises to address bottlenecks. Demonstrate clear evidence of the demand for the service/product by end-users (demand-driven).*

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**3. Proposed activities, outputs, outcomes, and impact**

*Outline the proposed approach to achieve the objectives. Describe the planned activities and proposed outputs of those activities, with an indication of their relative contribution or intermediate benefits to meeting objectives, which must also be generally reflected in the budget.*

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**4. Potential impact**

*All sections here should make a case regarding the* ***potential impact*** *and potential* ***added value*** *of the project. Please do not repeat content between sections; rather, explain how examples meet the following criteria.*

1. *Describe the potential of the proposed intervention or unique solution to deliver innovation.*

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1. *Describe the potential of the proposed intervention or unique solution to create profitable and sustainable/verifiable enterprises (considering the amount of time you have to deliver).*

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1. *Increased employment and contribution to national growth.*

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1. *Improved efficiency and productivity of the value chain.*

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1. *Leading to a reduction of hunger & food insecurity and wealth creation, taking into account environmental sustainability, impact, and inclusivity.*

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**5. Partnership suitability**

1. ***Evidence of engagement:*** *Detail your partners in the project formulation. Provide proof of engagement with the key client groups (farmers/entrepreneurs/other groups) in designing interventions.*

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1. ***Understanding other partners will be important in facilitating a supportive ecosystem:*** *Detail partners who will provide key input to the CARP-E and prepare the enterprises for success. Please justify the roles of each partner and detail their expertise, experience, and ability to drive your project to impact equitably.*

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1. ***Evidence of sustainability****: How likely is the partnership to evolve into a sustainable partnership to strengthen innovation and commercialisation in the longer term?*

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**6. Workplan**

*Please indicate a timeline to provide an overview of when your key activities will be delivered. Please ensure that this aligns with the CARP-E call.*

**7. Indicative budget**

*Please provide amounts per your work plan of activities to meet your incubation plan. The budget should not be a welfare budget (workshops, conferences, travels, per diems, staff time). Such items should be limited to no more than 25% of the cost. The budget should be focused on delivering results.*

**8. CVs of the leadership team**

*Please include investigators’ (principal and co-investigators only) roles and responsibilities in this project. Each investigator's role and responsibilities should not exceed two pages. These should be uploaded as separate files.*