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Welcome to the webinar

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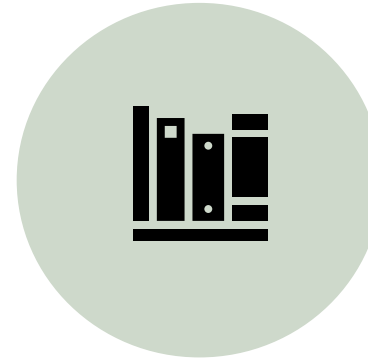
Team Finland Knowledge (TFK) webinar with a focus on Southern Africa

TFK webinars per target area, 2024 application round



TFK programme for HE education cooperation

The purpose of the Team Finland Knowledge programme is to create and strengthen cooperation between Finnish higher education institutions and the target regions and countries selected to the TFK network, and to design new operating models for cooperation.



PROJECT LENGTH:

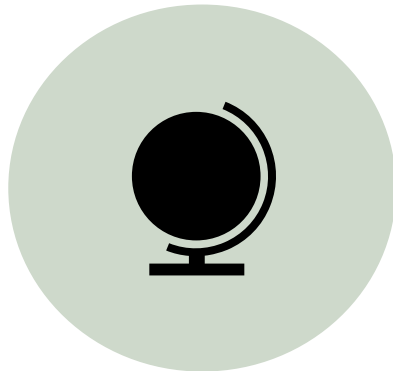
2,5 years

MAX. SUPPORT:

80 000 €

BUDGET:

1,4 - 2 m€



TARGET AREAS:

China, India, Southern Africa,
Southeast Asia & Latin
America

+ Ukraine



PROGRAMME WEB SITE:

<https://www.oph.fi/en/programmes/tfk-programme>

TFK programme's application round 2024



Target areas: China, India,
Southern Africa, Southeast Asia,
Latin America & Ukraine

Eligible countries in Southern Africa: Angola, Botswana, South Africa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia, Seychelles, Eswatini, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Madagascar, Ruanda, Burundi



Deadline for applications 2nd May 2024



Application form and call for applications available at
<https://www.oph.fi/en/programmes/tfk-programme#anchor-how-to-apply>



Welcome to Southern Africa!

TFK regional webinar

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8 March 2024

Africa is the future continent!



- 2024 African Union's **Year of Education**
- There is dire need to increase and improve **Higher Education** in the continent, demand growing
- African **share of global science output** rising, but investment too low in all countries
- **African European Innovation Agenda** encourages deeper cooperation and provides many funding streams (Horizon, Erasmus+, Regional Teacher Initiative)
- **Finland** is involved in many collaboration and partnership with African countries, and has good reputation



Finland is preferred partner in Africa



- **TFK funding** available for SADC + Rwanda; altogether **17 countries**
- **22 diverse and innovative TFK-projects** up and running in 12 countries during 2022-2025
- Many projects have **multiple partners**, some only two; this depends on the purpose and partnership arrangements
- **Many different themes:** education in many areas (health, forestry, sustainability, renewable energy), toxicology, arctic ice, marine protection, African business, health & social work, development studies, modelling and data-skills
- Some partnership have led to **new funding opportunities**





Tips to plan your project:

'If you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far, go together'

African proverb

- Mutual respect, **responsiveness**, win-win solutions
- Innovative **new approaches & methods** tested and scaled
- **Address inequality** and involve some formerly disadvantaged HEIs
- Remember **own funding** also from the partner HEIs – does not have to be hard cash only
- Competition heavy in the best universities, do **not overlook** smaller HEIs' and countries' potential



Thank you and good luck!

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Questions sent in advance

- Meillä on ollut aiempaa yhteistyötä Tansaniaan, Dar es Salaamin ja Sansibarin yliopistoihin liikuntakasvatuksen kehittämiseksi ja haemme rahoitusta nyt TFK-haussa. Ymmärtääksemme Tansania on yhteistyömaiden listalla, vaikka ei varsinaisesti lasketa kuuluvaksi eteläiseen-Afrikkaan?
 - Kyllä, Tansania on yksi haun kohtamaita.
- What is expected under the topic of educational cooperation on "working life cooperation"?
 - Working life cooperation can include different projects where working life actors are included or where the topic for the projects is to develop something for the use of working life, for example.

Questions sent in advance

- Regarding the cooperation on issues of virtual teaching, would the attendance of African students, and the participation of colleagues in lecturing/teaching, on a UniPID/TAU virtual Master course, fall under the expected forms of cooperation?
 - Yes, this could be included as virtual cooperation as part of a project.
- Can we have several proposals to one country or should we only have one? Also, how many partners can we have?
 - You can submit several applications for cooperation with one country but keep in mind that we will only fund max. 2 projects from the same coordinating Finnish HEI with one target country/region.
 - There is no limit to how many partners you can have in one project.

Questions sent in advance

- Can organisational costs include costs paid by local HEIs for students to cover expenses of travelling to local communities and arranging workshops there (in relation to their field practice)?
 - Yes, travel costs of local participants related to travel within a country (e.g. to take part in a course/event) can be covered in the organisational costs category.
- Is separate budget document required/recommended as an attachment (currently the only possible attachment is TFK statement)?
 - The required attachments are the ones mentioned on the application form so there is no need to attach a separate document for budget.

TFK webinars per target area 2024

- **Southeast Asia and Intia** 4.3.2024 at 10.00 – 11.30
- **Southern Africa** 8.3.2024 at 10.00 – 11.30
- **China** 11.3.2024 at 10.00 – 11.30
- **Ukraine** 25.3.2024 at 12.30 – 14.00
- **Latin America** 26.3.2024 at 14.00 - 15.30

- **Registration link at <https://www.oph.fi/en/events/2024/tfk-programmes-regional-webinars-call-2024>**, also all **materials from the webinars will be published on this page.**



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Thank you!

With further questions please contact:

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Further information is available at:

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