

**JAPAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY / JAPAN INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION AGENCY
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2014

In order to advance research and development on issues of global concern such as the environment, energy, bioresources, and disaster prevention; the Japanese government has decided to supplement the country's conventional approach to technology transfer with the sponsorship of joint research initiatives between Japanese universities and research institutions and their counterparts in developing countries, among which South Africa. In order to do this, a joint research funding scheme has been created aimed at the promotion of international partnerships and jointly administrated by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). In addition, the scheme will involve participation by the South African Department of Science and Technology (DST) insofar as concerns the pre-selection and submission of project proposals to the Japanese funding agencies, in which regard the DST is pleased herewith to invite said submissions by the closing date indicated below. Interested researchers are requested to note the following:

- Only project proposals submitted in **both** countries will be considered for funding, thus necessitating prior coordination between the Japanese and South African applicants.
- Japanese applications should be submitted online at www.e-rad.go.jp
- South African applications should be submitted directly to the DST, to the coordinators provided below.
- **Only** project proposals for research in the following themes and sub-themes will be considered for funding:

Proposals for FY2015 are invited in the following research areas:

- Environment/Energy (2 areas)
- Bioresources (1 area)
- Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (1 area)

The Infectious Diseases Control field included up to FY2014 is currently under review due to the launch of AMED - the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development - in FY2015. When a decision is made, details will be posted on the SATREPS website. Note that any Official Development Assistance (ODA)

applications in the Infectious Diseases Control field made to the Japanese government by partner countries are subject to the same deadline as applications in the other fields.

- Proposals submitted in South Africa will be subject to endorsement at government level, and subsequent recommendations for funding made to the Japanese authorities. However, the final decision concerning funding will be made exclusively by the Japanese authorities, and funding will only be accorded by the Japanese on a unilateral basis according to their own procedures and criteria.
- As a result of the unilateral nature of funding, the following information should be provided:
 - ❖ Full contact details of the applicant, including professional affiliation, race and gender
 - ❖ A detailed description of the project, including expected outcomes and significance of the research¹
 - ❖ A detailed CV of the applicant, as well as an indication of previous collaborative activities undertaken between him/her and the Japanese counterpart

A web link can be access on this address:

<http://www.jst.go.jp/global/english/koubo.html> Please note, that most of the information on this site applies to the Japanese applicant only. The only responsibility extending to the South African applicant is the submission of a counterpart proposal to the DST. Note also that the deadline indicated in the website is not applicable to for South Africa, and applicants are requested to adhere to the due date below.

The acceptable application form is attached. The closing date for **South African** applications is **15 October 2014**. By this date, a single electronic and/or a single hard copy of the proposal should be submitted to:

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¹ NOTE: the total funding from this grant will **not** cover any salaries, bursaries or scholarship for the South African side. The funding can cover travels to and from Japan, workshops and/or conferences; equipment and machinery for the projects.