**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**CHINA-AFRICA INSTITUTE JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAM**

**CHINA-AFRICA EXCHANGE MECHANISM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (****CAEMOSUD)**

The 2018 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation was successfully held in Beijing on September 3-4. The Chinese President Xi Jinping announced that China decided to establish the China-Africa Institute (CAI) to enhance mutual learning between Chinese and African civilizations. The CAI aims to enhance mutual learning between Chinese and African civilizations and to strengthen exchanges of their experience in governance and development. It seeks to provide intellectual and talent support for the "Belt and Road" construction collaboration, and for comprehensive strategic and cooperative partnership facing the future between China and Africa to build a closer China-Africa community with a shared future. On April 9, 2019, the Inauguration Conference of the CAI was held in Beijing. The CAI is under the auspices of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS).

On December 6, 2019, the CAI, together with the African Union Commission, had organized an international symposium on “China and Africa: Jointing Promoting Sustainable Development” in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and initiated the China-Africa Exchange Mechanism on Sustainable Development (hereafter referred to as CAEMOSUD), inviting Chinese and African researchers to make joint proposals for collaborative research projects on this topic.

**Objectives and Priority Areas**

To build on a closer China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era, this program aims to provide strong intellectual support for China-Africa cooperation to promote sustainable development and enhance China-Africa comprehensive strategic partnership. The joint research program include the following key areas:

1. Poverty alleviation
2. Ecological and environmental protection
3. Urbanization and industrial development
4. Education and employment
5. Free trade

**Program Initiation**

The program was initiated at the international symposium on “China and Africa: Jointing Promoting Sustainable Development” in Addis Ababa on December 6, 2019, and information of applications can be found at the CAI website. The symposium will serve as a platform for African and Chinese scholars and research institutions to exchange ideas on topics of sustainable development, and to encourage them to establish partnership and generate ideas for collaborative research.

**Application Procedures and Requirements**

Chinese and African scholars who intend to work together on a specific research project can make a joint application to the CAI.

The Chinese team will be composed of researchers from institutes of the CASS, and the African team of researchers from African universities or research institutions. Each team will be led by a researcher from the corresponding institution.

The call starts on January.10, 2020. Applicants may download “Joint Application Form – CAEMOSD, the China-Africa Institute Joint Research Program” (both Chinese and English versions available) from CAI website (http://ecai.cssn.cn) and complete the form.

Project leader of African team must provide a letter from his/her university or research institution, confirming that the institution approves the application for the joint research project.

The joint proposal will be submitted to the CAI through Chinese team leader before February 29, 2020.

**Duration, Activities and Outcomes**

The duration of a project is TWO years, from March 2020 to March 2022. During this period the two sides can carry out exchange visits of scholars, and organize seminars, etc. At the end of the project, the joint team is required to submit a joint research report (in both Chinese and English language, and with 80,000-100,000 Chinese characters for Chinese version). The team must publish their research result either in journals or on online.

**Funding**

The CAI provides funding for the successful applications to support joint research activities, including exchange visits between Chinese and African scholars as well as the organization of seminars in China. For details, please refer to the attached application guide.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Joint Application Form – CAEMOSUD, China-Africa Institute Joint Research Program (Chinese and English versions)

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