



Youth Connekt Africa (YCA) 2019 Summit Kigali, Rwanda

Sponsorship for Basotho young innovators and entrepreneurs to participate at the YCA 2019

I. Background

UNDP is the UN global development network, advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. It works with individual countries on their own solutions to global and national development challenges. UNDP has recently initiated a new Country Programme (2019-2023) anchored on the Lesotho National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP II), the UNDAF (2019–2023) and guided by the UNDP Strategic Plan (2018–2021). The Programme comprises three pillars: (i) Governance, for Accountability, Social Cohesion and Stability; (ii) Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Growth and (iii) Environmental Sustainability, Climate Change and Resilience.

UNDP Lesotho is supporting implementation of the Enhancing Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development (EYES) Project, aimed at promoting creative thinking and innovativeness among youth for entrepreneurship and social development. The project will harness lessons and experiences from previous UNDP-supported projects and partnerships to facilitate and develop necessary capacities for establishment of sustainable social and business enterprises and concepts. The project will contribute to the NSDP II objectives, for building an inclusive economic growth and creation of employment opportunities, especially among youth and women, and within the identified growth sectors, of manufacturing, agriculture, tourism and technology. The project will focus on the initiatives that encourage emergence of youth innovations, promoting knowledge and information, capacity and skills development and policy informing dialogues amongst the youth.

As part of the EYES Project, UNDP intends to support the Government of Lesotho to domesticate the #YouthConnekt Africa concept, for the empowerment and development of youth in Lesotho. YouthConnekt Africa is one of the flagship regional youth initiatives, founded by the Government of Rwanda and UNDP; to help empower and uplift the youth of the continent, This year, UNDP will be partnering with the Government of Rwanda, the African Union, and KOICA to host the third edition of the YouthConnekt Africa (YCA) Summit from 9-11 October in Kigali, Rwanda. The 2019 YCA Summit aims to gather 10,000 youth, high-level delegates and stakeholders involved in youth development to discuss policies, programs and partnerships and formulate actions that can nurture and develop the talents and abilities of our youth. The theme for 2019 is *"Boosting an Industrious Young Africa"*.

In this regard, UNDP will support participation of Lesotho delegates at the YouthConnekt Africa 2019 Summit. In addition to the UNDP and Government of Lesotho delegates, UNDP will sponsor 6 (six) youth



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entrepreneurs and innovators, for participation at this event. This is expected to complement efforts for domestication of the #YouthConnekt agenda and model in Lesotho, as well as provide exposure to emerging youth entrepreneurs and innovators. The sponsorship will cover costs for flight, accomodation and subsistence at the event.

II. Eligibility and Selection criteria

Only 6 (six) sponsors will be provided, based on the following

- Basotho youth inovators and business owners, aged 18 – 35 years of age.
- Business owners (in operation for over 3 years).
- Preference will be for innovative businesses in the selected national priority sectors for economic growth; *manufacturing, agriulture, tourism, and technology and innovations.*
- Proof of registration and acceptance to the YouthConnket Africa Summit
- Motivation for selection with a brief outline on the business, and how you expect the YouthConnekt to benefit you and/or your business
- Motivation on how you can support the roll -out of the YouthConnekt in Lesotho

III. Selection of winning applications

Winning applicants will be selected by a panel comprising UNDP staff, representatives of the UN Youth Advisory Panel, Ministry of Gender and Youth, to review all proposals. Received proposal will be assessed using UNDP's principles of fairness and integrity and will be selected based on the following:

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1	Compliance to the application requiement (age of applicant and business, operational sector, proof of application and acceptance)	40%
2	Motivation for participation in the Youth Connekt Africa and support to Youth Connekt Lesotho	60%
	Total	100

IV. Sponsorship and associated disbursement.

UNDP sponsor provide a sponsorship of upto US3, 000 to selected applicants, that will cover costs for flight, accomodation and subsistence as follows:

Cost area	Disbur% covered	Date of disbursement	Required documents
Flight	100% of costs (<i>UNDP direct payment</i>)	27th September 2019	Proof of registration Passport
Accomodation and subsistence	80% of the costs (<i>based on UNDP rates</i>)	3rd October 2019	
	20% of costs	25th October 2019	Report from the trip



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V. APPLICATIONS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE MAY BE SUBMITTED TO:

RE: Youth Connekt Africa 2019 Summit
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VI. Approval

These TOR have been approved by:

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Deputy Resident Representative

Date:

10 / 09 / 2019