

Call For Expressions of Interest

Establishment of the African Open Science Platform (AOSP) Nodes

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Read this document carefully before completing, signing, and submitting this application

- Ensure that all sections are adequately completed – application forms with incomplete information will not be considered.
- Submit the full submission as one pdf document.
- The Expression of Interest must be submitted to the Email NP.Mchunu@nrf.ac.za

SECTION A – DETAILS OF THE ORGANISATION (PRE-COMPLIANCE)

CONTACT DETAILS OF THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PROPOSAL				
Name of the Institution				
Physical Address				
Telephone numbers:	Office (include area code)		Cell Phone	
Email				

SECTION B – DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL

1. Profile of the Institution, purpose and objectives [400 words max]

The proposal outlines the following:

- The profile of the host Institution
- Introduction – e.g. background information on open science at regional level, a purpose statement, with specific objectives of the regional node and aligning with relevant open science agendas including Africa Open Science Platform (AOSP) [Strategy](#)

2. Research and coordination expertise within the African region, and multi-stakeholder networks [500 words max]

- Identification and description of main functions, actions, or services of the node. This may include a statement on specific priority/key activities
- Outline experience in managing large-scale, regional/international, and multi-stakeholder research networks, and how this will be leveraged for the Open Science initiatives

- Indicate the capacity and experience to manage national-level and some regional-level communications activities and campaigns to promote best practices of Open Science and drive the implementation of Open Science at regional level.

3. Quality of the hosting institution's physical and IT infrastructure [300 words max]

Applicants should provide information on the hosting facilities, amongst other:

- Physical infrastructure, and where the proposed regional node will be hosted
- IT infrastructure, including the level of connectivity
- Other in-kind offerings.

4. Capability to collaborate with other African/international institutions, in the context of Open Science in the chosen thematic area [400 words max]

- The applicant should provide examples of collaborations with other African countries in similar areas.

5. Institutional and operational arrangements, including e.g. [400 words max]

- Governance – describing how decisions regarding the node, its structure and its work are made; how work of the node is planned and reported
- Co-hosts or core partners – identifying lead institutions and describing their role in the node. It is important that these have relevant mandate, necessary technical capacity, and demonstrated willingness to maintain and develop the node
- Financial arrangements – e.g. statements on how the node and its activities will be sustainably resourced, in addition to resources from the secretariate.

SECTION C – Proposed Workplan for the regional node [400 words max]

SECTION D - DECLARATION

1. I declare that all the information provided in this application is true and correct.
2. I acknowledge that if any of the information provided in this application is found to be untrue, my application will not be considered.

Full name of the person responsible for this application:	
Position in the organisation:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Designated Institutional Authority	
Full name:	
Signature:	
Date:	