



Request for Technical Assistance Guidance notes

Introduction

The EU Africa RISE (Reform for Investment & Sustainable Economies) programme is a four-year programme to provide technical assistance for inclusive and sustainable growth, job creation and decent work across Southern Africa, Eastern Africa and the Indian Ocean.

The purpose of Africa RISE is to deliver technical assistance which will help to:

- Strengthen access to finance and implementation of dedicated financial instruments; and
- Improve the investment climate for inclusive and sustainable growth, job creation and decent work.

Africa RISE will provide research, advisory services, training, long-term technical assistance, short-term consultancy and expert missions that may be mobilised at short notice. The support activities that we cover include the following:

- **Policy** – promote and strengthen inclusive public-private dialogue, private sector engagement and social dialogue; strengthen structured political and policy dialogue; strengthen the capacity of regional bodies and national administrations to design and implement legal, regulatory, administrative and institutional reforms that promote regional and continental economic/trade integration, economic stability, conducive business environments, and attract investment within the overall strategy of promoting sustainable and inclusive economic and social growth;
- **Markets** – contribute to market analysis and market system development activities; analyse national/regional value chains and support their development;
- **Competitiveness** – strengthen capacity and productivity of MSMEs; promote women and young innovative entrepreneurship; identify skills and sectors for high quality job generation; inform strategies to support informal and formal firms in their growth process by supporting increase access to finance, higher participation in local, national, regional and global markets, use of digital resources, improve support services with a clear goal of generating decent jobs;
- **Knowledge** – generate knowledge, studies and communication.

The EU RTAF covers 25 countries¹ in Eastern and Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean, with a primary focus on 18 of these countries. Technical assistance is provided at three levels:

- the macro-level, aiming to improve the business environment;
- the meso-level, which targets market failures, aiming to enhance value chains and competitiveness; and
- the micro-level, which works directly with businesses and individuals.

If you wish to submit a request for Technical Assistance, please complete the request form and submit it, together with any supporting documentation, through the contact page on our website.

¹ Target countries (primary in bold) are: Angola, Botswana, **Burundi**, **Comoros**, **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, **Djibouti**, **Eritrea**, Ethiopia, Kenya, **Lesotho**, Madagascar, **Malawi**, **Mauritius**, **Mozambique**, **Namibia**, **Rwanda**, **Seychelles**, **Somalia**, South Sudan, **Sudan**, Eswatini, **Tanzania**, **Uganda**, **Zambia** and **Zimbabwe**.



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The following notes are in the same format as the request form. They provide additional information about what is required in each box of the request.

Section	Notes
Name of Organisation(s) submitting request	Your organisation name
Organisation contact details	Contact details for your organisation
Contact details of focal person/Contact Person	Details of the contact person(s) for this request
Country/Region	The country or region where the proposed TA assignment will take place
Sector of activity	<p>Please select from the list below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Banking and finance • Energy • ICT • Informal sector • Land and property • Manufacturing • Mining • Services • Tourism • Trade • Multi-sector • Other (please specify)
Overview of Technical Assistance requested – where support is needed and why.	This should be a summary of the overall vision for the TA assignment.
Type of Technical Assistance requested	<p>Please indicate the nature of the technical assistance that you require. This may include one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research • Advisory services • Training, long-term technical assistance • Short-term consultancy • Expert missions • Other (please specify)
Key challenges or problems to be tackled.	Please describe in as much detail as you can the problems or challenges being faced which the Technical Assistance should overcome.
Benefits: What changes/ benefit will the technical assistance bring about?	Please be as specific as possible. Benefits may be short-term or long-term, or they may be stages along a path.
Beneficiaries: Who will be the beneficiaries of this Technical Assistance?	Please indicate the commercial or social groups who will benefit from the TA, e.g. manufacturing industry, consumers, MSMEs, etc.



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Objectives: What specific results do you want to achieve from the support provided by RISE?	Describe the specific objectives that you want to result from the TA. Objectives may be tangible products, e.g. legislation, action plans, roadmaps, or less tangible outputs such as increased capacity, public-private dialogue processes, etc.
Impact: Which of the following RISE programme objectives will the TA contribute to? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job Creation • Green Value Chains • Investment Climate • MSMEs • Access to Finance How will this be achieved?	Please select from the list the objective that will be advanced by the TA assignment and indicate briefly how you expect the TA to contribute to this. If the TA will contribute to the achievement of multiple objectives, indicate which is primary and which are secondary.
Is this request in line with the priorities of the country or region? Please explain	Explain briefly how this request for TA is consistent with the priorities for the country or region and the partnership with the European Union.
Do you have an estimate of the cost or time required for this Technical Assistance assignment?	Please give an estimate of senior and junior consultant time input envisaged as well as any expected costs for workshops, events, etc. (if you foresee any).
What issues of Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) should be considered in this Technical Assistance?	Explain how GESI issues are or may be affected by the problem being addressed or the technical assistance that is being requested.
Is the proposal supported by other local entities (e.g. EU Delegation, Local administration, Chamber of commerce...)	Indicate any other local stakeholders that support this request.
Any additional information	Please provide any additional information that is relevant to this request.
Supporting Documents	Please attach any additional documents along with the completed request form.
How did you find out about our facility?	Please let us know where or how you came to know about the EU Africa RISE programme.
Action areas	The RISE programme has 12 action areas defined in its Terms of Reference, listed on the following page. Please indicate the area(s) which cover this TA request, with the primary action area listed first. It is sufficient to enter only the number.



List of action areas

1. Building the capacity of private organizations or interest groups and public sector representatives to engage in public-private dialogue and partnerships.
2. Establishing and strengthening inclusive public-private dialogue and private sector engagement.
3. Strengthening structured political and policy dialogue through the Sustainable Business for Africa Platform at country, regional and sector level – between the EU and private sector (from Europe and EA-SA-IO region).
4. Strengthening and supporting policy and political dialogue between the EU and Partners' countries and Regional organisations, with in particular a support to all Commission Directorates General sectoral dialogues.
5. Strengthening the capacity of regional bodies and national administrations to design and implement legal, regulatory, administrative and institutional reforms that promote increased revenue mobilisation, trade, economic stability, regional integration, well-functioning financial markets, efficient and fair labour markets, conducive business environments, decent work, formalization of the economy and attractive investments.
6. Strengthening the capacity and expertise of public and private actors at country and regional level to develop value chains with the highest potential for green and inclusive growth and decent job creation, including a strong focus on women, youth and persons with disabilities or marginalised groups to foster economic empowerment and/or pro-poor/smallholders impact.
7. Improving the capacity of government, civil society organisations, specialised agencies and laboratories as well as of private sector actors to address the issues of social, labour and environmental sustainability as well as transparency, traceability, and certifications schemes and labs accreditation processes related to key value chains, including by strengthening quality infrastructure.
8. Enhancing the capacity of people, in particular women and young entrepreneurs to set up businesses and access financial services and the labour market through facilitating their access to vocational training, information (legal, administrative, technical), credit, incubators/business angels' mechanisms, targeted support on tax regimes, land acquisition, quality and access to public services (including e-services), judicial redress and anti-corruption mechanism.
9. Enhancing knowledge and use of investment support financial instruments proposed by donors and development finance institutions, in particular the EU and EU Member States, to facilitate the financing of investments projects contributing to energy transition and green deal policies, circular economy, infrastructures, renewable energy, access to finance for SMEs, sustainable agriculture and agribusiness, sustainable cities and digital economy.
10. Increasing the capacity for expertise and conducting relevant studies (gender and other analyses, feasibility studies, impact assessments, evaluations, mappings and data collection) relating to markets, value-chains, investments, innovation and trade; and strengthened knowledge creation and management as well as to engage in other relevant activities and exchanges.
11. Strengthening public and private sector capacities to design policies or adopt measures and strategies in the field of productivity, strategic use of public procurement and development of e-procurement, social economy, cooperatives, formalisation, competitiveness, innovation, industrialisation, resilience, business and Human rights, and Labour standards.
12. Providing analysis and designing plans in order to address the multidimensional impacts of the Covid-19 outbreak, and set up recovery measures.