The Carter Center Call for Proposals on Trilateral Cooperation for Peace and Development in Africa

March 2, 2020

The Carter Center cordially invites you to submit an abstract of a project proposal that advances Africa-U.S-China cooperation on peace and development issues in Africa. The proposed project must feature active cooperation from governmental and/or non-governmental African, U.S, and Chinese actors and stakeholders.

The authors of selected proposals(s) will subsequently be invited to submit a full proposal, and to attend a specialized Carter Center project consultation. The consultation will bring together select partners and stakeholders to engage with the selected proposals, and explore how to turn them into actionable pilot projects.

The abstract should be no more than 1,000 words. You are encouraged to include as much of the following information as possible: An overview of the proposed project, project goals and activities, a proposed timeline, and—if possible—a list of potential partners.

Potential focal areas of Africa-U.S-China cooperation is open, but you are encouraged to concentrate on one or more of the following issues: Peace and security, climate change, sustainable economic development, governance, environmental protection, anti-wildlife trafficking, poverty alleviation/social development, public health capacity building, and corporate social responsibility.

English is the required language for the abstract of the project proposal, the full proposal and the presentation at the workshop.

**Key Dates**

- March 2: TCC will send out call for proposals (abstracts)
- March 30: Abstracts due
- April 13: Send out invitations for full proposals
- May 30: Full proposals due
- May-June: Consultations with programmatic partners to establish project implementation framework and plan workshop
July 12-15: Workshop held (location to be determined and dates subject to change pending development of Covid-19).

August: TCC will release report on workshop and publish proposals selected by the workshop

Please submit the abstract of your proposal by March 30 to Atif.Choudhury@CarterCenter.org and Iain.Millar@cartercenter.org

About TCC’s Africa-U.S-China Cooperation for Peace and Development Initiative

The China Program of The Carter Center launched this initiative in 2015 to advance Africa-U.S.-China cooperation. From 2015-2019, a total of eight track 1.5 policy dialogues were held to advance trilateral cooperation. The first two were held in Atlanta to review past cases of successful Africa-U.S-China cooperation and proposing new areas of cooperation. With suggestions from our African partners, the third and fourth meetings were held in 2016 in Lomé, Togo and Beijing, China respectively, and both were dedicated to promoting Africa-U.S-China cooperation on maritime security issues in the Gulf of Guinea.

In cooperation with the Shanghai Institute of International Studies (SIIS), the fifth workshop was held in Shanghai in 2017 to explore how Africa, China and American stakeholders could expand their cooperation in the area of peace and security, and if such cooperation could take place in the Lake Chad Basin region.

Two additional workshops were held in 2018. In cooperation with the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR), the first of these workshops was held in Djibouti to discuss if deconfliction mechanisms could be established to reduce any potential conflict among countries that have military bases there, as well as in the broader Red Sea region. The second workshop was co-organized by The Carter Center and the South Africa Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) and held in Johannesburg, with a focus on evaluating past engagements and determining what levels and types of Africa-U.S-China cooperation are possible within the current geopolitical context.

With incorporation of new suggestions from the Johannesburg workshop and collaborating with the Center for Dialogue, Research and Cooperation, the 8th meeting was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The meeting’s theme was how to advance Africa-China-U.S. collaboration in public health development.

We have also launched the Trilateral Cooperation Research Series, an online Carter Center publication highlighting past, ongoing, and potential Africa-U.S-China cooperation. The winning proposal(s) will be featured on the Trilateral Cooperation Research Series. You can learn more here: https://uscnpm.org/trilateral-research-series/.