



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Participate in a three year development project

In order to respond to the needs of institutions in the Great Lakes, the MIDA programme is launching a call for project proposals for institutions in Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda working in priority sectors for national development.

Only institutions selected in the framework of this call for proposals will be able to benefit from the support of the MIDA programme during the period 2009-2012.

Call for proposals in two stages (2009):

Stage 1:

Interested institutions are invited to develop a concept note presenting the project they wish to implement over a maximum three year period with the support of MIDA and of experts from the diaspora.

Stage 2:

Institutions preselected on the basis of their concept notes will then be invited to develop a detailed project proposal and budget. For this project development work, institutions can request assistance from the local MIDA offices and from diaspora experts, supported by the MIDA programme. The finalized project documents will then be submitted by the local institutions to the MIDA Great Lakes programme.

Selection :

A maximum of 30 projects will be selected for the Great Lakes region. The selection of projects will be carried out by IOM on the basis of recommendations of technical committees for each sector.

For more information on how to participate in the call for proposals and to download the official application forms, visit our new website at:

www.midagrandslacs.org

LOCAL INSTITUTIONS ELIGIBLE TO BENEFIT

Who can respond to the call for proposals?

The MIDA programme is addressed to all actors in the Great Lakes target countries who are working for national development: governmental or private structures, enterprises, associations, NGOs, academic institutions, professional training centres, health centres, hospitals, etc. (see eligibility criteria in the official call for proposals).

How can the MIDA programme support you in the framework of these projects?

- Technical assistance during project development (support from the MIDA offices in the three countries and sending of experts to the field if necessary)
- Setting up of a partnership between your institutions, MIDA and a team composed of diaspora experts
- Financing of a minimum of two missions by diaspora professionals, per year and per institution, over three years.
- A support budget for equipment and other priority activities
- Support for local staff in charge of the projects
- Grants for staff immersion courses in the 'North' with support from diaspora professionals
- Support for project monitoring and evaluation

Which basic requirements must institutions meet?

- Financial and moral engagement to undertake a three year project
- Coherence of activities with priority sectors identified (see official call for proposals documents and guidelines that will be published in 2009)
- An absence of experts in the local job market
- A social dimension to the institution's activities
- Significant impact of the pluriannual project proposed to MIDA on the development of your institution.

DIASPORA PROFESSIONALS

How can you put your skills to use for the development of the Great Lakes?

All diaspora professionals involved in the programme between 2009 and 2012 will be selected and supported exclusively in the framework of 30 pluriannual projects selected by IOM.

Between 100 and 150 experts will be selected to make up the teams that will support the local beneficiary institutions in the development and implementation of the selected projects.

If you would like to become a MIDA volunteer expert and join the many diaspora experts of the Great Lakes already registered with the MIDA programme, register your profile directly online via the programme's website: www.midagrandslacs.org You will then be directly informed about available MIDA mission offers as well as those of our partners.

The MIDA programme will launch calls for candidates via its website from spring 2009. IOM will mainly look for experts to support local institutions in the development of their project proposals and then for experts willing to get involved in order to implement the projects in teams over three years.

To register for the MIDA Great Lakes programme you must fulfil the following criteria:

- Be of Burundian, Congolese (DRC) or Rwandan origin
- Be legally and permanently settled in a country other than the country of your origin
- Hold a qualification and professional experience that correspond to the needs of the beneficiary institutions that will be selected in the framework of the call for proposals

Female candidates are particularly encouraged

MIDA programme support:

- International travel costs covered
- Insurance provided for the duration of the mission
- Subsistence allowance
- Welcome and follow up by the MIDA team in country
- Work with a team composed of experts with similar or complementary skills



MIGRATION FOR DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

What is the MIDA programme?

The concept Migration and Development for Africa (MIDA) seeks to respond to the 'brain drain' phenomenon in African countries through the creation and strengthening of sustainable links between diasporas and their countries of origin.

The MIDA Great Lakes programme aims to strengthen the capacities of public and private institutions in Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda by mobilizing the diasporas of the Great Lakes region legally settled abroad.

The objective of the programme is to encourage the mobility of the skills and resources of the diaspora in response to local development needs.

The MIDA Great Lakes Programme is implemented by the International Organization for Migration in close cooperation with the Ministries of Labour in the three target countries. The programme is financed by the Belgian government. Since 2001, it has strengthened capacities in more than 200 institutions in the Great Lakes region thanks to the involvement of more than 400 diaspora experts.

What is IOM?

The International Organization for Migration is an intergovernmental organization committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society.

Having carried out operations across the world for more than 50 years, IOM has become one of the leading international organizations implementing concrete programmes linking migration and development.

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