

## Concept Note Contents and Instructions.

### 1. Researchers profile – completed via research grant management system

#### 1. Title (Max 25 words)

- The title of the Research Proposal must reflect clearly and succinctly the area of the research that is to be embarked on.
- The title should be self-explanatory when standing alone.

#### 2. Introduction (Max 500 words)

- Indicate and justify the local and/or national pressing issues or challenge(s) that the research project aims to address and its contribution to the country's development
- Describe its alignment with the national priorities in terms of solving the societal problem and/or advancing knowledge
- Describe the ground-breaking nature (novelty- why your idea unique and original)
- Describe the feasibility of the project taking in to account available human resource, finance, research facilities, etc

#### 3. Objectives (Max 200 words)

- Describe the project overarching goals which is guided by a broad, long-term objective that provides direction and coherence to the various research activities.
- The general and specific objectives should have both research and impact related objectives

#### 4. Materials and Methods/Methodology (Max 400 words)

- Provide clear outline of the research approach, method and implementation plan
- Describe extent and appropriateness of the proposed research approach and method to address the identified research gaps
- Describe your experimental plan, including any new technologies, tools or product to be developed.

#### 5. Expected Outputs and Impact (Max 300 words)

The following issues should be clearly addressed:



- The research project milestones and deliverables semi-annually or at least yearly during the project timeframe that will help to follow project progress and determines the continuity of the project
- Potential societal impact of utilization of the proposed research outputs.
- Research outputs in terms of publications on high quality journals
- Provide key indicators of how the expected outcomes will be measured.
- The research result dissemination and communication strategy for the intended users.

#### 6. Work Plan and Budget breakdown

- Provide realistic timeframe
- Provide reasonable budget

Items/Categories	Estimated Budget (Birr)
Personnel (researcher per diem, extra manpower, etc )	
Supplies (Consumables, chemicals, materials, etc)	
Travel	
Rental	
Services (e.g. laboratory)	
Others, please add	
<b>Total</b>	

#### Add relevant justification

#### 7. References (max 10 recent references)

- Relevant and up-to date references

#### 8. Research team brief introduction (max 200 words)

- Describe how proposed research combine insights from multiple fields and connected across different disciplines.
- Describe research group members academic rank and profession without mentioning their name. Highlight expertise and track record of the researcher in terms of realizing the research goals. This should not be detail biography.
- Extent the research projects included early career researchers and recruit postgraduate students

**NB: Please pay close attention to the word limits specified for each section, as the portal will not accept entries that exceed the allowed word count**

