

SANBio

SOUTHERN AFRICA NETWORK FOR BIOSCIENCES

BioFISA II

BUSINESS MEETS BIOSCIENCES



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BioFISA is a Finnish-Southern African Partnership Programme to strengthen the NEPAD-SANBio network.

Its second phase, BioFISA II, is a four-year programme implemented from 2015 to 2019.

KEY MESSAGE FRAMEWORK



PROGRAMME PURPOSE

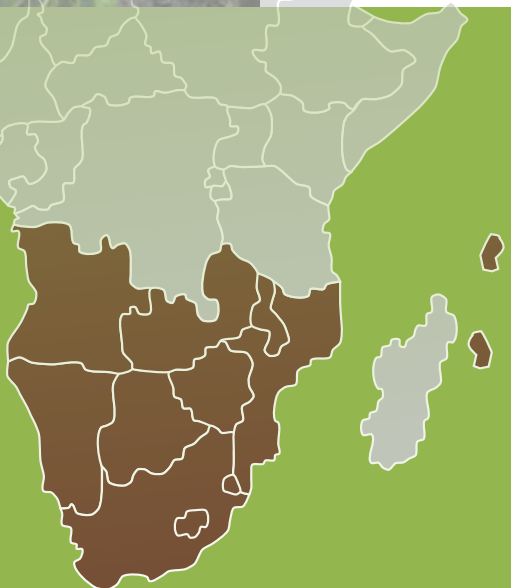
BioFISA II supports SANBio in the impact areas of health and nutrition by:

- creating an effective and dynamic regional research network, including the establishment of sustainable funding structures for collaboration;
- enhancing human capacity in the region including the development of entrepreneurial skills; and
- funding the development of innovative products.



WHERE WE WORK

The SANBio network covers 12 countries: Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Seychelles, Republic of South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



FUNDING MECHANISMS

The BioFISA II Programme offers funding to bioscience projects.

The projects are mainly divided into two categories: flagship and seed projects.

For both the flagship and seed projects, 60% of the total project value will be funded by BioFISA II, while the remaining 40% will be from the implementing partners as 20% cash and 20% costed in-kind contributions.



GRANTS

SEED GRANTS

Open Innovation Challenge – BioFISA II will provide opportunities for innovators to partner with regional industry leaders in developing new innovative solutions to address nutrition challenges in the SADC region.

Collaborative calls – Funding opportunities available for the commercialisation of innovative products through joint collaborative calls between SANBio/BioFISA II and SADC regional organisations.

MOBILITY GRANTS

BioFISA II will provide mobility grants for pursuing institutional cooperation, e.g. technology transfer between institutions, as well as the facilitation of peer learning and mentorship. Mobility grants are provided throughout the programme.



For more information on our funding opportunities, visit: www.nepadsanbio.org/grants.html

CURRENT PROJECT PORTFOLIO (February 2017)

Four Flagship projects and six Seed projects funded with a total value of R 21 984 000 (funding by BioFISA II).

PROJECTS:

Human health – Diagnostic kits to address TB meningitis, for pharmacogenetics in ARV treatment, and a forensic genotyping kit;

Human nutrition – Value addition to indigenous and neglected crops through the production of smart snacks and nutridrinks;

Animal health – Diagnostic kits to address bovine brucellosis and FMD;

Animal nutrition – Innovative feed for dairy goats, ash based mineral supplementation for livestock, and sustainable insect based animal feed



For more information, visit: www.nepadsanbio.org/projects.html



SANBIO STUDENT AMBASSADORS

BioFISA II is promoting youth in biosciences.



For more information, visit: www.nepadsanbio.org/announcements/sanbio-student-ambassadors.html



SANBIO EXPERT DATABASE

Connect with other experts, research institutions, funders, companies and consultants to develop solutions in health and nutrition that impact the SADC region.



For more information, visit: expertdb.nepadsanbio.org

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KEY RESULT AREAS

FUNCTIONAL SANBIO NETWORK

- Networking events
- Information sharing platforms
- Awareness raising

HUMAN CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

- Training in entrepreneurship, IP and commercialisation
- Proposal writing training
- Student ambassador scheme

FUNDING

- Flagship grants
- Seed grants
- Mobility grants

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