

# Call for Proposals

The Southern Africa Trust supports civil society to engage effectively in regional-level policy processes aimed at overcoming poverty and inequality in southern Africa.

The purpose of the Southern African Development Community's (SADC) Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) is to deepen regional integration in southern Africa. It provides SADC countries with a comprehensive programme for harmonising long-term economic and social policies. It also provides the SADC secretariat and other SADC institutions with a clear view of SADC's priorities.

**The RISDP prioritises sustainable and equitable economic growth and socio-economic development with the aim of poverty eradication, with the following main areas of focus:**

- Trade/financial/economic liberalization
- Development of infrastructure and services
- Food security
- Social and human development

**Cross-cutting areas included in the RISDP are:**

- Gender and development
- Sustainable environment
- HIV and AIDS
- Information and communication technologies
- Science and technology
- Private sector development
- Statistics

As the RISDP provides direction for SADC policies and programmes over the long term, it is crucial that civil society organizations (CSOs) understand the RISDP and engage with it in an informed and independent manner.

Inclusive SADC National Committees are meant to be the primary fora for the implementation of SADC policy frameworks.

The Southern Africa Trust invites submission of concept notes from eligible organisations for work that addresses the RISDP and strengthens SADC national committees, in application for grants. Through this call the Trust aims to promote greater awareness of the RISDP and encourage analysis and action that strengthens its regional ownership and effectiveness.

## **The Scope of Proposals**

The main focus of the Southern Africa Trust's 2006 call is on the Southern African Development Community's (SADC) Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP).

**The Southern Africa Trust is interested to receive applications that address any one of the following areas:**

1. Migration
2. Food Security and Agriculture
3. Trade and investment
4. Social and human development
5. Infrastructure development and services
6. Gender and HIV/AIDS
7. Participation of CSOs in regional processes
8. Strengthening civil society participation in SADC National Committees

## **Criteria**

**The Southern Africa Trust is especially interested in proposals that adopt innovative approaches and that include a combination of the following areas of work:**

- Research
- Policy dialogue and
- Strengthening regional civil society organisation

Joint applications from alliances, partnerships, or coalitions between different types of organisations across national borders will be favoured.

**All applications must:**

- have a wide impact, aimed at changing wider policy and practice or have the potential to be taken up more widely for maximum impact to overcome poverty
- add value by, for example, leveraging additional funding
- identify and address the causes of problems, rather than only dealing with the symptoms
- demonstrate how good practice and learning will be communicated and shared
- have clear annual policy outputs

## **Application Process:**

A more detailed description of the Call for Proposals is available and should be read before completing the Southern Africa Trust's template for concept notes. These documents can be found at [www.southernafricatrust.org](http://www.southernafricatrust.org) or by contacting Ms Shupikai Gwabuya at tel. +27 11 313 3065 or [sgwabuya@southernafricatrust.org](mailto:sgwabuya@southernafricatrust.org). Applications submitted in any other format will not be accepted.

Applications should not exceed US\$150,000 a year over a maximum period of three years, beginning January 2007. Budgets must be presented in US Dollars.

Applicants whose concept notes are short-listed may be approached for further information, be requested to further develop their proposal, and/or to revise the budget.

The closing date for submission of concept notes is 17h00 on Friday, 17 November 2006. Late submissions will not be considered. All applications must reach the Trust in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the reference CFPI/2006, by the deadline at either of the following addresses:

**Physical Address, Southern Africa Trust, 1st Floor, Block A,  
Samrand Development Building, No. 1 Samrand Avenue,  
Midrand, South Africa**

or

**Postal Address, The Grants Manager, Southern Africa Trust,  
P O Box 1234, Halfway House, Midrand 1685, South Africa**

**The decision of the Southern Africa Trust about the allocation of a grant in support of your proposal will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.**

