

The Africa-Europe Foundation is pleased to announce the **2023 New Partners Initiative**, is being launched in the context of a demand for a renewed partnership between **local youth organizations** across Africa and Europe following the African Union-European Union Summit in February 2022.

If you are a youth led organization, think-tank, civil society platform or NGO inspiring, **empowering, and connecting local youth actors through dialogue to help shape a strong, mutually beneficial partnership between Africa and Europe**, to tackle contemporary challenges linked to climate change, healthcare, and ocean governance, we want to hear from you!

THE CHALLENGE:

AEF is passionate about youth voices to be at the heart of the Africa Europe partnership. Accordingly, through the 2023 New Partners Initiative we are awarding **youth led organizations with micro-awards of 5000 Euros** to deliver cross-continental grass root projects addressing rising global challenges. These grassroots projects can be in the format of a myriad of activities including but not limited to workshops, debates, podcast, townhalls, forums and webinars and should engage a wide array of youth and local actors from both Africa and Europe. If your organization is passionate about bringing youth together and curating impactful grassroots projects, then this opportunity is perfect for you!

APPLICATION: There will be 3 Application Cycles, focused on different thematic areas, the 1st Cycle will focus on youth grass root projects addressing the Africa-Europe Foundation's priority area: **Ocean Governance & Blue Economy**

- Ocean biodiversity, climate mitigation and waste management
- Trade, Energy and Food
- Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and an Inclusive Blue Economy

Applicants must complete the enclosed Application form, which includes a detailed dialogue proposal work plan, budget, and impact table. **The deadline for submissions is 17.00 CEST (Brussels time) on Friday 7th July 2023** and must be sent to **partnerships@africaeuropefoundation.org**. Please note that successful applicants must commit to host their dialogue by the **end of September 2023**.

Please address any questions to partnerships@africaeuropefoundation.org .