Thematic grant round

Public overview

March 2024
Thematic focus

We are excited for ISEAL Community Members and their partners to collaborate on ideas for projects that respond to the theme:

**Strengthening the role of sustainability systems in addressing social issues.**

This is an opportunity to build on learning to date\(^1\) and pilot innovations and improvements that will help sustainability systems to strengthen their role in addressing a range of social issues, such as:

- Labour rights
- Gender equality
- The rights of indigenous peoples
- Voice and empowerment of workers and marginalised communities

Read on for more information.

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1. Explore existing work on social issues:
   - Remote auditing to reach and engage rights-holders
   - Effectiveness of labour auditing within supply chains
   - Setting gender responsive sustainability standards
   - Effective wage auditing to advance living wage action
Key details

- **Eligibility.** The Fund is open to applications led by ISEAL Community Members, who can collaborate with other sustainability systems and/or organisations outside the ISEAL community.

- **Grants available.** Between CHF 40,000 and CHF 150,000, with equal (1:1) match funding.

- **Duration.** Projects up to 2 years, starting from July 2024.

- **Guiding principles.** Values that should be embodied in all Fund supported projects.

- Visit the ISEAL website for more information about the Fund and past projects.

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1 If interested in this funding opportunity, please reach out to our members and explore the potential for a joint project.
EOIs should be completed in an EOI template (available on the closed online platform for the ISEAL community) and **submitted by the ISEAL Community Member** leading the proposed grant by **8 April 2024**.

The brief EOI template includes questions on:

- The motivation for the project, what it hopes to achieve, and how.

- The learning value for the project lead, partners, the ISEAL community, and beyond.

- How it will contribute to the funding criteria specific to the relevant thematic call.
Selection process

Submitted EOIs are presented to a grant decision-making committee comprising ISEAL staff, SECO and external experts.

The committee selects a sub-set of EOIs it recommends for full proposal development, and ISEAL will work with successful applicants to develop detailed proposals.

Projects to start from **July 2024**.
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