

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS 190820

1	QUESTION	Is one allowed to put in two proposals on separate thematic clusters?
	ANSWER	There is no limitation for the number of applications. However, you can also combine two thematic clusters in the same proposal, if the project idea is suitable for the combination.
2	QUESTION	Does VREF have any contractual obligations on sponsoring projects with a heavy Swedish connection under MAC?
	ANSWER	VREF is totally independent from political and commercial steering, and does not have any obligations in relation to the country/state of Sweden, or to Swedish industry. Thus, there is no need to have any Swedish connection in MAC projects, and that it is not considered as an advantage as such to have Swedish partners or other connection to Sweden in the proposed project. Consequently, it is not a disadvantage to have Swedish connections in the proposed project. VREF remains neutral in that sense.
3	QUESTION	Can a university put in more than one application with different team leaders but the same sub-Saharan collaborators?
	ANSWER	A university can submit more than one application with the same sub-Saharan collaborators, but with different team leaders. However, in the proposal, it should be explained why the same university submits several proposals
4	QUESTION	Can a university put in more than one application under one thematic cluster?
	ANSWER	A university can submit more than one application, with different applications addressing different thematic clusters.
5	QUESTION	In the proposed project, there would be an essential third party providing data, which is not a university. Could some of the project funding be allocated to the contributions of these non-university partners?
	ANSWER	A reasonable portion of the project budget (and VREF grant) can be used for paying services provided by a non-university partner, or to compensate non-university sub-contractors for their working time in the project. There is no firm limitation for the portion of the VREF grant to a non-university partner, but it should be very well justified in the application, and generally, it should only be a minor part of the total project budget/VREF grant.