
— PHOSPHORUS STEWARDSHIP FOR AFRICA'S FOOD SECURITY

Partnership Expression of Interest

An invitation to join an Africa-led coordination and knowledge platform connecting research, policy, development, and implementation institutions around phosphorus stewardship, soil health, and food security.

The African Phosphorus Platform for Food Security (APPFS) is an Africa-led coordination and knowledge platform connecting research, policy, development, and implementation institutions around phosphorus stewardship, soil health, and food security. Embedded within the Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health (AFSH) Action Plan, APPFS strengthens coordination, evidence translation, and policy dialogue across continental, regional, and national levels.

APPFS is not an implementing agency or funding mechanism. Rather, it functions as a collaborative platform designed to connect existing institutions, initiatives, expertise, and evidence while strengthening complementarity and reducing fragmentation across phosphorus-related workstreams.

Participation in APPFS is voluntary and primarily in-kind. Partners engage according to their institutional mandates, expertise, and areas of interest — through technical exchange, strategic dialogue, knowledge sharing, contribution to thematic discussions or working groups, participation in convenings, collaborative visibility, policy engagement, and support to evidence translation activities.

What does it mean to be an APPFS partner?

APPFS partnership is designed as a flexible and collaborative engagement mechanism rather than a formal membership obligation. Becoming a partner means joining a continental network of institutions working to strengthen phosphorus stewardship, soil health, fertilizer systems, and food security across Africa — contributing according to your institutional strengths, mandates, and priorities.

DEPENDING ON THE INSTITUTION, ENGAGEMENT MAY INCLUDE

- ◆ Participation in strategic or technical discussions
- ◆ Contribution of expertise, evidence, datasets, or knowledge products
- ◆ Collaboration on policy dialogue and science-to-policy translation
- ◆ Participation in thematic working groups or technical exchanges
- ◆ Support to regional coordination and convenings
- ◆ Collaborative visibility and dissemination
- ◆ Contribution to phosphorus-related monitoring, investment, or evidence discussions

NO COST

APPFS does not require financial contributions from partners. Engagement remains voluntary, collaborative, and non-exclusive.

SECTION 01

Organizational Information

1 Organization Name

2 Acronym (if applicable)

3 Type of Organization

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| ☐ Research Institution | ☐ University / Academic Institution |
| ☐ Regional Economic Community (REC) or Regional Organization | ☐ Development Partner / Donor Agency |
| ☐ Technical Agency | ☐ NGO / Civil Society Organization |
| ☐ Private Sector Organization | ☐ Think Tank / Policy Institute |
| ☐ Knowledge Platform or Multi-Stakeholder Initiative | ☐ Other: _____ |

4 Country of Headquarters

5 Primary Region of Work

Select all that apply.

- ☐ East Africa ☐ West Africa ☐ Southern Africa ☐ Central Africa ☐ North Africa ☐ Pan-African

6 Website

7 Organizational Description

In 150–200 words, describe your institution’s mandate, core areas of work, and relevance to phosphorus stewardship, soil health, or food systems.

SECTION 02 Partnership Category

Please indicate the category that best reflects your institution’s profile and intended contribution. If you are uncertain, the APPFS Secretariat can advise.

☐ Technical Partner TECHNICAL

For institutions contributing scientific expertise, research, data, tools, or technical implementation experience related to phosphorus use efficiency, soil health, or fertilizer management.

☐ Strategic Partner STRATEGIC

For institutions with regional, continental, policy, financing, or convening influence — particularly those active within African Union or REC frameworks and continental policy processes.

☐ Affiliate Partner

AFFILIATE

For institutions contributing knowledge products, communications support, learning exchange, or dissemination capacity in areas relevant to APPFS's mandate.

SECTION 03 Alignment & Contribution

8 Alignment with APPFS and the AFSH Action Plan

Briefly describe how your institution's mandate and current work align with APPFS's objectives.

9 Thematic Areas of Contribution

Select all areas where your institution could meaningfully contribute.

SCIENCE & AGRONOMY

- ☐ Phosphorus Use Efficiency
- ☐ Soil Health & Diagnostics
- ☐ Integrated Soil Fertility Management (ISFM)
- ☐ Agronomy & Farming Systems

KNOWLEDGE & DELIVERY

- ☐ Data, Evidence & Monitoring
- ☐ Capacity Development
- ☐ Extension & Advisory Services Knowledge
- ☐ Translation & Communication

POLICY & INVESTMENT

- ☐ Fertilizer Policy & Markets
- ☐ Policy Dialogue & Advocacy
- ☐ Investment & Financing

CROSS-CUTTING

- ☐ Climate Resilience
- ☐ Other: _____

10 Intended Contribution to APPFS

In up to 150 words, describe how your institution intends to engage and what it could contribute — e.g. technical expertise, data sharing, participation in working groups, policy support, knowledge synthesis, convening support.

11 What does your institution hope to gain from participating in APPFS?

In up to 100 words — e.g. access to evidence and network, visibility within continental frameworks, collaborative research opportunities, policy engagement channels.

SECTION 04 Institutional Focal Point

Please provide details of the person authorized to represent your institution in correspondence with APPFS.

Name

Title / Position

Organization

Email

Phone

Country

SECTION 05 Commitment & Declaration

By submitting this form, the authorized representative of the applying institution confirms the following.

- ☐ I have read and understood APPFS's mandate, operating principles, and partnership framework.
- ☐ Our institution's participation will be voluntary and in-kind; we understand that no financial contribution is required or expected.
- ☐ We commit to engaging in good faith, contributing relevant knowledge where feasible, and respecting APPFS's communication and data-sharing principles.
- ☐ We support the principle of complementarity — engaging to add value without duplicating existing mandates or initiatives.
- ☐ We understand that this application is subject to review and confirmation by the APPFS Secretariat.
- ☐ We certify that the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of our knowledge and that our institution is willing to engage collaboratively within the principles and mandate of APPFS.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY

Name

Title

Signature

Date

ANNEX Supporting Documents

Please attach the following to support your application.

- ☐ Institutional profile or brochure
- ☐ Relevant publications, reports, or knowledge products

SUBMISSION

EMAIL THE COMPLETED FORM TO
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The APPFS Secretariat will review your expression of interest and respond to confirm next steps. Thank you for your interest in advancing phosphorus stewardship for Africa's food security.