

BAOBAB

Request for Synthesis Teams for Climate Change in Africa

Website: <https://ascendclimate.org/opportunities/>

Summary

- Proposal deadline is **25 July 2024 (12:00 GMT)**.
- This BAOBAB initiative Request for Proposals seeks to identify synthesis teams consisting of a mix of researchers, policymakers and/or practitioners to address important climate change challenges in Africa.
- Synthesis teams will integrate existing data and knowledge to deliver new research insights and to enhance policy and/or practice for reducing impacts and risks from climate change, especially for marginalized and vulnerable groups.
- Teams will be funded to hold in-person working meetings of up to 15 people at [ASCEND](#) at University of Cape Town in South Africa 3–4 times over a 2-year period.
- A Postdoctoral Research Fellow based at ASCEND will also be funded for each team.
- The focus is on synthesis of existing data and knowledge. New data collection from lab or field work is not funded.
- ASCEND provides support for team facilitation, transdisciplinary research, and moving research knowledge into climate action.
- **Please read the [full Request for Proposals](#) carefully and download the [BAOBAB proposal template](#).**
- **Register for the [online submission portal](#)**

The BAOBAB project is a research initiative that convenes teams consisting of researchers, policymakers and/or practitioners to synthesize diverse existing data and knowledge on climate change in a way that delivers new research insights and can enhance policy and/or practice.

This Request for Proposals invites potential team leaders to articulate and propose an opportunity for a transdisciplinary team to use [synthesis research](#) approaches to produce [actionable research](#) on reducing impacts and risks from climate change in Africa. Actionable research goes beyond understanding a problem to being solutions-oriented—that is asking “what can be done?”— and informing policy and/or practice.