

## Call for Participation - BIO AFRICA 2020 Digital Convention

The third edition of the BIO Africa Convention will be held from 24 to 26 August 2020, as the **BIO Africa 2020 Digital Convention** (Convention). This edition of the Convention provides a platform for panel discussions, partnering, virtual exhibitions, company presentations, showcasing African biotechnologies to the world and networking with stakeholders in the regional and global biotechnology environment in the health, agriculture, industrial and emerging bio-based sectors to the world. It further brings the world to explore investments, financing, collaborations and partnerships with the African biotechnology business leaders, entrepreneurs, researchers, regulatory authorities and policy makers.

The theme of the BIO Africa 2020 Digital Convention is “*Discover, Develop & Disseminate*” and TIA continues to be a partner to the Convention. A key avenue towards TIA achieving its objective of facilitating commercialisation is the use of relevant networking and stakeholder mobilisation platforms such as the Convention. Therefore, TIA supported companies/projects are hereby requested to submit their company profiles highlighting their biotechnology products/innovations or services to explore opportunities for partnership, collaboration, market access and regional market expansion at the Convention. This opportunity is also open to enterprises/beneficiaries which received support from the following TIA Programmes; SEED, Industry Match-making Fund, Technology Acquisition and deployment Fund (TADF),\_South African Bio-Design Initiative (SABDI), Global Cleantech innovation Programme (GCIP), Youth Technology Innovation Programme (YTIP), Technology Innovation Cluster Programme (TICP), Innovation for Inclusive Development (IID) as well as Technology Platforms and Stations Programmes.

### Eligibility

1. Innovations/products or services having received or receiving TIA support through the aforementioned Programmes or facilitated through the Agriculture, Health, Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Industrial Biotechnology business units as well as other biotechnology relevant innovations.
2. Innovations/products or services aiming to expand technologies/service offerings into the regional and global biotechnology markets, establish regional and global market linkages, collaborations with a direct impact on technology assimilation, revenue and market share increase.

3. Innovations/products or services that have technologies/service offerings that are market ready, specifically addressing the triple challenges and/or inclusivity of women, youth and people with disabilities in the biotechnology sector.
4. Innovations/products or services offerings are at a late-stage of development and whose participation at the Convention would steer the technical and/or commercial progression towards unlocking economic value.

This call for Participation is an opportunity to profile

- i) Exciting technological innovations of the entities
- ii) Companies/entity/entities developing the innovations/products or services **while ensuring that the intellectual property portfolio of the Innovations/products or services or of the Company are not compromised.**

Further information on the Convention can be found at: <https://www.bioafricaconvention.com/>

### **Participation process**

To take advantage of the opportunity, submit the consolidated company and innovations/products or services profile to [communications.bioafrica@tia.org.za](mailto:communications.bioafrica@tia.org.za) for consideration. A guide on the minimum profile requirements is annexed to this Call for Participation for ease of reference.

The selection of companies or innovations/products or services to participate at the Convention is a competitive process. Any non-compliance with completeness of submission requirements and/or adherence to submission deadlines will automatically disqualify the candidate companies.

All correspondences and submissions related to the TIA facilitated participation in the Convention 2020 are to be directed to [communications.bioafrica@tia.org.za](mailto:communications.bioafrica@tia.org.za).

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**The closing date for submission of consolidated profiles is**  
**Friday, 31 July 2020 at 17h00 SAST**

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## Company and innovation profile guidelines

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- Name of the Company,
  - Sector the Company is involved in,
  - Core functions of the Company (vision, mission)
  - Information on capacity development and response to triple challenges; youth, women and previously disadvantaged individuals (PDIs) enabled,
  - Some of the challenges the Company faced and overcame since inception,
  - Any notable achievements by the Company,
  - Contact details (website, business address, email and business telephone numbers) for the Company and clear, professional head-shots of contactable staff members.
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- The exciting innovations/products or services being profiled (this should be explained as simply/plainly as possible),
  - The inspiration behind the innovations/products or services, the problems these innovations/products or services solving in the world,
  - Stage of development of the innovations/products or services being profiled,
  - What some of the innovations/products or services achievements are so far
  - Where the Company sees itself in the next 5 years, in the context of the profiled innovations/products or services,
  - Requirements for the Company or associated innovations/products or services to reach success/commercialisation/expansion, for example funding, regional partnerships, regional distributors, regulatory registration, access to existing value chains, off-take agreements or as required.
  - Indication of which industry partners/companies/funders the Company wishes to make contact with, so that, where possible, TIA can facilitate the engagements.