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Ongoing Call for Proposals

Creation of Participatory Research Projects

Projects from many countries show the same dynamic: using citizen science and participatory research to address concrete challenges in society, place, health, education, biodiversity, climate, agriculture, the local economy and governance.

This meeting aims to turn this diversity into collective strength.

→ **Visibility**

Make visible the projects, territories and skills already brought together

→ **Cooperation**

Bring direct cooperation between stakeholders to the fore

→ **Methods**

Share methods, tools and operational formats

→ **Structuring**

Help projects structure themselves, secure funding and last

→ **Coalition**

Create the foundations of a major global coalition for participatory research in the service of impact

The countries represented

A highly international dynamic


The submitted projects cover a wide range of countries, regions and fields of action, already forming a living map of needs, skills and territories capable of building a global coalition.

Countries named by project leads

- Burkina Faso, Zambia, Mozambique
- Congo-Brazzaville, DRC, Côte d'Ivoire
- Togo, Cameroon, Benin, Senegal
- Kenya, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Comoros
- Morocco, France, Spain
- Argentina, Colombia, Chile, Peru, Mexico
- United States / Texas

Fields and spaces mentioned

- Ecuador — Yasuní Park
- Lithium Triangle (Bolivia, Argentina, Chile)
- Uganda — East African regional approach
- Greenland — scientific and educational expedition
- San Diego–Tijuana region
- Colombian Amazon, sub-Antarctic Patagonia
- Sahel, East Africa, coastlines, mountains, rural areas, forests, indigenous territories

 This is not a collection of isolated projects. It is already a **living map** of needs, skills and territories capable of forming a global coalition.

The areas of life represented

Projects that touch all the major areas of life

The proposals show that participatory research can be mobilised on almost all the practical issues faced by people, territories and organisations.



Health

Human, community, reproductive, maternal and child health



Biodiversity

Forests, wildlife, flora, bees, medicinal plants, microalgae and macroalgae



Agriculture

Food security, food crops, aflatoxins, animal nutrition, biotechnology



Water & Coastlines

Oceans, coastal areas, rivers, lakes, sub-Antarctic waters and water quality



Climate

Resilience, natural risks, flooding, drought, agro-ecological adaptation



Education

Schools, mathematics, educational AI, STEAM pedagogy, free culture



Peace & Justice

Social cohesion, local governance, access to rights, citizenship



Digital & AI

Data, drones, GIS, mapping, gamification, digital infrastructure

- Participatory research is not a sector. It is a **cross-cutting method** for producing useful knowledge, with the people concerned, in every area where action is needed.

The types of audiences targeted

Very varied audiences, directly concerned by the issues

The projects do not target only "beneficiaries". They propose involving audiences as **participants, co-investigators, observers, contributors, local relays or co-creators**.

Youth & Education

- Children, adolescents, pupils, students
- Teachers, educators, school leadership
- Families and educational communities

Women & Rural Communities

- Rural women, women farmers, entrepreneurs
- Peasant, Indigenous, Mapuche communities
- Amazonian populations, ejidos

Territories & Environments

- Urban residents, peri-urban areas
- Coastal communities, fishers
- Farmers, livestock keepers, cooperatives

Health & Vulnerability

- Traditional healers, midwives, health professionals
- Displaced people, populations in conflict zones
- People experiencing homelessness, vulnerable groups

Institutions & Stakeholders

- Researchers, laboratories, universities, NGOs
- Justices of the peace, legal stakeholders
- Community radio stations, local media

- ✓ These projects give a central place to the people concerned. They are not merely consulted: they **take part in knowledge production** and in transforming their own territory.

The scientific disciplines represented

Very strong interdisciplinarity

The submitted projects show great disciplinary diversity, ranging from the life sciences to the social sciences, from digital technologies to cultural studies, from health to territorial governance.



Life Sciences:
Molecular Biology,
Parasitology, One Health,
Marine Biology, Ecology,
Ethnobotany, Agroecology.



Environmental Sciences:
Climatology, Geosciences,
GIS, Remote Sensing,
Circular Economy.



Social & Human Sciences: Sociology,
Anthropology, Psychology,
Gender Studies, Law,
Communication.



Education & Digital Sciences:
AI, Neuroscience,
STEAM Pedagogy,
HCI.



Health & Sport:
Public Health,
Reproductive Health,
Biomechanics,
Prevention.



Governance & Economy:
Local Governance,
Rural Tourism,
Entrepreneurship,
Peace Studies.

③ Participatory research makes it possible to bring together disciplines that often work separately, but which must cooperate to tackle complex issues.

The SDGs addressed

A direct contribution to several Sustainable Development Goals

The submitted projects cover a very broad part of the 2030 Agenda, with a strong concentration on health, education, climate, biodiversity, water, agriculture, the reduction of inequalities, sustainable territories and partnerships.

SDGs 1–5

- **SDG 1** – Vulnerable populations, rural communities
- **SDG 2** – Sustainable agriculture, food security
- **SDG 3** – Reproductive health, herbal medicine, sport
- **SDG 4** – STEAM pedagogy, educational AI, free culture
- **SDG 5** – Rural women, gender, ecofeminism

SDGs 6–11

- **SDG 6** – Water quality, catchment areas
- **SDG 7** – Governance of critical minerals
- **SDG 8** – Rural tourism, local economy
- **SDG 9** – AI, drones, digital platforms
- **SDG 10** – Access to justice, digital inclusion
- **SDG 11** – Urban waste, resilient territories

SDGs 12–17

- **SDG 12** – Circular economy, plastics
- **SDG 13** – Adaptation, climate-resilient agriculture
- **SDG 14** – Coastlines, microalgae, reefs, whales
- **SDG 15** – Forests, biodiversity, conservation
- **SDG 16** – Peace, access to justice, governance
- **SDG 17** – Global coalition, partnerships

- ✓ Participatory research is a **cross-cutting accelerator of the SDGs**, because it turns the people concerned into actors in knowledge, action and continuity.

Envisioned activity formats

Highly operational formats, adaptable to each territory

The submitted projects do not stop at intentions. They already reveal several concrete implementation formats.

Envisioned formats

- Scientific stays and participatory journeys
- Discovery classes and school projects
- Observer networks
- Hackathons and bootcamps
- Data challenges and gamification
- Participatory laboratories and living labs
- Participatory mapping and socio-mapping
- Photovoice and participatory video
- Surveys and community diagnostics
- Citizen observatories
- Co-design of protocols
- Research training and expeditions
- Digital tools, AI, GIS and drones
- Knowledge-sharing workshops

Most frequently cited formats

- 1 Participatory scientific journeys and stays
- 2 Observer networks
- 3 School classes and projects
- 4 Hackathons, bootcamps, data challenges and gamification
- 5 Specific local formats

📌 The strength of this community is its ability to **combine short, long, educational, scientific, digital, territorial and economic formats** according to the needs of each project.

The planned economic formats

Projects that aim to last, not just get started

Project leads mainly express three economic needs: securing funding, hosting participants or field sites, and having robust protocols that make the project credible, fundable and scalable.

Expressed needs

Project funding	Participants and field sites
Protocol and participatory method	Partner laboratory
Scientific and operational structuring	Securing the project over time
Moving from idea to pilot	Scaling up

Possible economic formats

- Grants and calls for projects
- Partnerships with foundations, NGOs and institutions
- Applied research programmes with universities
- Paid or co-funded scientific stays
- Scientific tourism and participatory travel
- Study trips and school programmes
- Training courses, bootcamps and hackathons
- Research-action contracts with territories
- Methodological support services
- Production of data for public policy
- Local value creation: agriculture, tourism, health
- Hybrid models: philanthropy + revenue + partnerships

- ✓ A participatory research project can become a **sustainable model** if it combines scientific rigour, social usefulness, operational capacity, an economic model and long-term alliances.

Mutual introductions between the actors present

Now: meet, connect, cooperate directly

This meeting is a first step towards turning the submitted projects into an active community. **The aim is not to create an additional intermediary.**

The aim is to enable

- Project leads to get to know one another directly
- Organisations to identify useful partners
- Researchers to find fields and concrete questions
- Associations to find methods and support
- Territories to discover other comparable territories
- Mature projects to share with emerging projects
- Funders to understand the richness of this dynamic
- Everyone to contribute to a living global coalition

Proposed format for the introductions

01

Who are you?

02

What issue do you want to solve?

03

Which territory are you working in?

04

Which audiences do you work with?

05

What skills do you already have?

06

What do you need now?

07

What partnerships can you offer to others?

We already have the projects, the field sites, the audiences, the disciplines and the needs. The next step is to **connect the actors with one another**, share methods, structure cooperation and bring about a **global coalition for high-impact participatory research**.