

**Going Global Partnerships**

# Call for Proposal

**UK – Egypt HE partnerships for Climate Change**

# Grant Guidelines

**Call** opens **5 December 2021**

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**Introduction**

**Going Global Partnerships** builds stronger, more inclusive, internationally connected higher education and TVET systems which support economic and social growth.

Through this British Council programme, you can connect, collaborate, and innovate with universities, colleges, education policy makers and other partners in the UK and around the world.

The overall expected outcomes of the programme include:

* **Enabling research**: supporting research, knowledge, and innovation collaborations to address local and global challenges and promote inclusive future growth.
* **Internationalising HE institutions**: creating the enabling environment and supporting institutions and individuals to benefit from internationalisation.
* **Strengthening systems**: improving the quality and efficiency of tertiary institutions and systems
* **Enhancing student outcomes:** addressing the qualities of the global graduate (e.g. soft skills, employability, community outcomes).

**Opportunities**

Going Global Partnerships offers you vital international opportunities - the chance to build relationships, to share ideas and good practice, to access grant funding for collaborative partnerships and more.

You can see current and upcoming Going Global Partnerships opportunities on our website:<https://www.britishcouncil.org/education/he-science/going-global-partnerships/connect-%20collaborate.>

We have many opportunities being launched at this time, so please check this page regularly.

This document refers to the following opportunity: **UK – Egypt HE partnerships for Climate Mitigation**

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We may share all application data to assist with management of the application process. We may share selected non personal data with agencies responsible for monitoring and evaluation of the UK – Egypt Going Global Partnerships Grant.

Your information will not be used/shared without your specific consent. British Council and its partners reserve the right to publish and share anonymised aggregated information with stakeholders.

Organisation details, where collected, are used for monitoring and evaluation and statistical purposes. Gender information and country of origin, where collected, is used solely for statistical purposes. If we need to contact you, we will do so using the contact details you have provided.

Under UK Data Protection law, you have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on you, and the right to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in that information. If you want more information about this, please contact your local British Council office or the Data Protection Team: inforgovernance@britishcouncil.org or see our website: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/privacy-cookies/data-protection>.

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1. **Background**

Climate change is the biggest threat to humanity. As we face increasing climate concerns, universities are spearheading critical research and technological innovation, facilitating and disseminating essential learning, teaching the next generation of climate experts, supporting wider communities with outreach programmes, protecting vulnerable ecosystems, and more.

Higher education plays a crucial role in tackling climate change. The academic leaders, researchers, and advocates across HEIs are driving change for communities big and small.

Taking place in the run up to the United Nations climate conference, COP27, and handing over the presidency from UK to Egypt; British Council Egypt is offering this grant scheme to foster HE collaboration in relation to climate resilience.

This call is one of many activities the British Council Egypt is delivering in the run up to COP27 (the 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties) which takes place in Sharm El Sheikh in November 2022. Addressing the challenges of climate change is critical for promoting global sustainable development

Higher Education Partnerships for Climate Change Grants as part of the **Going Global Partnerships** programme are awarded to collaborative partnerships between UK & Egyptian universities to support initiatives addressing climate change.

1. **Overview of Funding Opportunity**

This initiative offers an opportunity for partnership between higher education institutes and universities in the UK and Egypt focussed on:

* Enhancing the climate resilience and mitigation of universities & HEIs themselves, and/or
* Enhancing HEIs & universities’ contribution to the resilience of communities, business, and government

The grants should be carried out for one year from April 2022 & can be used for a [diverse range of projects](https://www.acu.ac.uk/news/climate-challenge-grants/), workshops and events in areas such as & not limited to:

* Improving learning, teaching, and training for climate change adaptation – e.g. virtual or face to face exchange or collaboration, teaching or professional practice collaboration and sharing and co-development of learning materials
* Increasing HEIs faculty members and professional staff capacity in climate change adaptation – e.g. fellowships or collaboration, comparative analyses, and uptake capacity building, understanding and documenting indigenous knowledge and resilience practices
* Improving institutional resilience policies and practice adopted by universities - e.g. developing tools, training and approaches to support contingency and continuity of operations planning at higher education institutions
* Virtual student mobility to achieve internationalisation in Climate resilience learning at home
* Universities to adopt Climate action framework & principles, or help the strategy towards Net Zero Carbon Campus
* Universities to implement community projects with students such as Carbon Literacy induction for all students
* Bringing students and youth voices to COP27
* Develop and deliver series of workshops to share climate change adaptation strategies and learning materials
1. **Eligibility**

All UK universities & higher education institutes from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. A link to eligible HEIs and list of research institutes in the UK is provided in this document. The proposal must have one Principal Applicant from the UK and one Partner University from Egypt. Universities in both the private and public sectors in Egypt are eligible to participate

The proposal must be a joint application, with one Principal Applicant based at a UK institution and one based in Egyptian institution. The geographical location of the applicants is not a concern provided that the applicants have a permanent or fixed term contract with a UK institution or Egyptian institution and the applicants are able to deliver the grant and activities within the given duration. Applications must have the support of the home and partner institutions, confirmed by supporting letters uploaded in the online application. Only two applications may be submitted per Principal Applicant, but there is no limit to the number of applications submitted per institution. And no principal applicant will get more than one project funded.

Proposals must fulfil the following criteria in order to be eligible for funding under this Programme:

* Each proposal must have one Principal Applicant from the UK and one Principal Applicant from Egypt
* Principal Applicants must be permanent employees or have a fixed term contracts of one of the following (this means that Emeritus and Honorary Professors may not apply as lead):
	+ A not‑for‑profit higher education institution unless specified otherwise
	+ A UK higher education institution (all UK higher education institutions are eligible)
* Principal Applicants on fixed term contracts must have a contract longer than the duration of the grant, to ensure deliverability.
* Both of the Principal Applicants’ institutions (the ‘Lead Institutions’) must have the capacity to administer the grant where contracting requires
* Individual departments within a single institution can make multiple applications per call provided that the proposed activities are clearly different
* Principal Applicants may only submit two applications per call.
* applicants based in a branch campus in Egypt must apply as the Principal Applicant of the Egypt. Locally appointed professors in an overseas campus are also encouraged to apply as the Principal Applicant of Egypt. However, in this case the UK Principal Applicant must not be affiliated with the UK Higher Education Institution which owns the overseas campus.
* Not‑for‑profit higher education institutions or publicly‑funded research organisations **are eligible** to apply as Lead Institutions. Furthermore, **for‑profit organisations are not eligible** to receive any grant funds, But they can participate as self-funded partners.

If you are unsure about your organisation’s eligibility, for UK see the link at <https://www.britishcouncil.org/education/science/current-opportunities/researcher-links-climate-challenge-workshops>

Eligibility checks will be applied to all proposals on receipt. Proposals which are not led by a recognised not‑for‑profit higher education institution or a publicly‑funded research organisation will be rejected during these checks.

1. **Funding and Project Duration**

Maximum British Council funding available for one proposal is £35,000

PIs and their institutions will be asked to submit receipts and invoices to demonstrate their spend upon completion. The documentations must be kept until 31 December 2029. Full checks of supporting documentation will be carried out on a proportion of the grants.

Further monitoring and evaluation will also be carried out, to be specified in the grant agreement. Applicants are required to provide a budget request upon submission of their proposal.

Project in receipt of funding will be expected to start in April 2022 and can run for a maximum of one year

1. **Relevance to economic development and social welfare** **(Official Development Assistance (ODA) eligibility)**

For the purpose of Higher Education Partnerships for Climate Change Grants, we define activities leading to impact with development relevance as activities that have the potential to contribute to the economic development and social welfare of low- and middle-income countries[[1]](#footnote-1), benefitting low income and/or vulnerable populations in these countries. In order to be considered for funding under Higher Education Partnerships for Climate Change Grants, **all proposals must clearly demonstrate a primary focus on development and articulate a plausible route to positive impact within a short to medium term timeframe (within 10 years). Applications which do not meet this criterion cannot receive support under this grant scheme.**

In some disciplines, development relevance can be longer term and less direct than in other areas.  In all cases, it is the responsibility of the applicant to articulate within the application how the proposed activities will meet these criteria.

Applicants must complete the ODA compliance section of the application form and should not expect reviewers to make assumptions about development impact that is not clearly described within the proposal.

**Failure to demonstrate ODA eligibility will render your application ineligible regardless of other success criteria. Please make sure you consider the ODA relevance of your application.  A strong case for your proposal must be made.**

In order to show development relevance within the context of their proposed project, applicants are advised to include within their application reference to any local or national consultation, links to government policies, and existing links with government institutions and must clearly articulate the importance to Egypt 20-30 vision and Egypt’s National Climate Change Strategy 2050[[2]](#footnote-2).

Agreements for ownership and exploitation of intellectual property generated through project activities must be consistent with the primary aim of addressing development issues.

**ODA transparency and reporting**

As part of the government’s commitment to ODA transparency and in line with FCDO ODA reporting requirements, there is a requirement to publish information about ODA grants including project titles and summaries via the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) registry and via DFID’s national statistics.

The purpose of publishing information via the IATI registry is to make information about ODA easily accessible to governments, stakeholders and other relevant groups in beneficiary countries. All funded projects from this programme will be published in this way. Please therefore write your project title and summary in such a way that they are meaningful and accessible to non-specialist audiences, following publication.

It is expected that the project title and summary are written in plain English and avoid the use of jargon, acronyms, puns and plays on words. **Please also make clear in your project title and summary how your project is ODA-compliant,** for example by identifying the development challenge(s) being addressed, the aims of the project and the beneficiary countries.

# Gender Equality Statement

To comply with the International Development (Gender Equality) Act 2014, applications must outline how they have taken meaningful yet proportionate consideration as to how the project will contribute to reducing gender inequalities in the Gender Equality Statement section of the application form.

**Applicants are required to consider the impact their project will have on gender.** Gender equality is an assessment criterion for this call. This should be about the project specifically – the outputs and outcomes; the make-up of the project team; participants, stakeholders and beneficiaries of the project; and the processes followed throughout the delivery of the project. It should not be a re-statement of your Institution’s policy, you may refer to the policy, but should show how the policy will be implemented in terms of the project. The Gender Statement must **address the below criteria**, with an understanding that, depending on the nature of the project proposal, not all questions will be applicable**. If a question is not applicable, you will need to articulate the reasons why.**

* Have measures been put in place to ensure equal and meaningful opportunities for people of different genders to be involved throughout the project? This includes the development of the project, the project team, and the beneficiaries of the project.
* The expected impact of the project (benefits and losses) on people of different genders, both throughout the project and beyond.
* The impact on the relations between people of different genders and people of the same gender. For example, changing roles and responsibilities in households, society, economy, politics, power, etc.
* How will any risks and unintended negative consequences on gender equality be avoided or mitigated against, and monitored?
* Are there any relevant outcomes and outputs being measured, with data disaggregated by age and gender (where disclosed)?

British Council reserve the right to reject the application if no consideration has been given to gender equality or if the proposal is assessed to result in a negative impact for gender equality.

1. **Eligible Costs**

The budget requested in your proposal should cover only costs that are essential, appropriate, and relevant to the collaboration ensuring value for money. The proposal should specify any cost share through direct and indirect institutional contributions.

Please find the List of Eligible and Ineligible Costs in Appendix 3. Please contact the British Council if you are in doubt which costs the grants can and cannot cover.

#### **Payment of the grant**

Higher Education partnerships for climate change grants will be paid 100% within 30 days of signature of the Grant Agreement on the condition of the approval by the British Council of a final report based on actual expenditure submitted by the Principal Applicants.

The British Council reserve the rights to recover the full payment if the final report and supporting documents are not satisfactory, or project activities has not been delivered as planned.

Higher Education partnerships for climate change grant Agreement will be signed by and the grant paid to the UK Principal Applicant’s home institutions. The grant recipient institution that signs the agreement will then be responsible for the management of the grant (including financial reporting). The UK Principal Applicant is responsible to communicate and agree with the Partner Applicant from Egyptian institution on the project’s grant management and disbursement. The final terms will be communicated to successful applicants.

**Underspend**

In cases where beneficiaries have spent less than the budget awarded, the underspend cannot be used for further activity unless agreed by the British Council. Requests to utilise the underspend should be sent to egyptggp@britishcouncil.org.eg before additional expenditure occurs. Any repurposed funding will need to be compatible with ODA spending requirements. Requests should be submitted before the deadline of 31 April 2023.

1. **How to Apply** Applicants must submit **a completed application form via the following link:** http://heclimatebc.untapcompete.com

Email submissions will not be accepted. The online form and a word version can be found on the opportunity webpage ([UK – Egypt Climate Change Partnerships | British Council](https://www.britishcouncil.org.eg/en/programmes/education/uk-egypt-he-partnerships-climate-change)). Word versions are for information only. Your application must be submitted using the online process.

**Online application form:**

The online application form allows applicants to enter information and save it for a later date until final submission. To save the form and return to it later, applicants will need to make a note of the application ID which will be shown after clicking ‘save and resume later’. There are strict character limits for each section which cannot be exceeded.

In addition to filling in the online form, applicants are required to upload the following documents, as described, by the deadline. **Late submission of supporting documents, or submission of documents which do not comply with these requirements, will render the application ineligible.** Appeals against this decision will not be accepted. The documents are:

* Two statements of support for the proposal from the Head of Department (or equivalent). One statement from the UK institution and one from the partner Egyptian institution.
The statements of support must consist of approximately 400-500 words and be written either on headed paper, dated, and signed (Word or pdf format) or in a formal email from the Head of Department (or equivalent) (pdf format), and has to be submitted online together with the application form. If the applicant is a Head of Department, another senior academic should sign the supporting letter).

The statements of support from the two Heads of Department must include reference to the Principal Applicants and comments on the following questions:

* Why is this project important?
* Why do you want to make contact with the proposed partner institution?
* How will the link be sustained?

For the supporting letter from the home institution: if the PI is not on a permanent contract, please confirm the PI can deliver the grant and activities within the given duration and that the project will result in a longer term collaboration.

Please ensure the combined size of the documents does not exceed 5MB.

Any problems with the online submission system should be reported to the following email address: egyptggp@britishcouncil.org.eg

Applicants must confirm on the online form that:

* Applicants have obtained **permission to submit the application on behalf of the UK and Egyptian institutions**
* The UK and partner country Principal Applicants **have communicated and agreed on the project’s grant management and disbursement.**
* The UK or Egyptian Principal Applicant’s institution **is willing to receive the funds and to sign a grant agreement with the British Council**.
* Complied with British Council policies on prevention of fraud, bribery, money laundering and addressed any other financial and reputational risk that may affect a transparent and fair grant award process. See: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/organisation/transparency/policies/anti-fraud-and-corruption>

***Important*: Once you submit, you will not be able to edit your application.**

**Once the online application is submitted, applicants will receive a confirmation email containing the application reference ID number and a pdf copy of the application and supporting documents. This acts as acknowledgement of receipt by the British Council system. This reference number must be used in all communications with the British Council. Applicants who have not received an automated email confirmation should contact the British Council at** egyptggp@britishcouncil.org.eg.

1. **Assessment Criteria**

Applications will be assessed against the eligibility and quality criteria in Appendix 1 and 2. The British Council will inform Principal applicants about the results via email in the week commencing 13 February 2022. Applicants should ensure the eligibility criteria are met as appeals are not allowed for this call. The British Council reserves the rights to reject any ineligible applications.

1. **Selection process**

Selection begins with an eligibility check by the British Council against the eligibility criteria given in these Guidelines and the Eligibility Checklist at Appendix 1.

Eligible proposals will be assessed by a panel comprising of reviewers from the UK and Egypt.

Each review results in a total score between 0 and 60. The final score will be decided by the review panel. Applications scoring less than 30 points will be considered not fundable. However, please note that achieving an average score of 30 or above does not imply that the proposal will be funded.

As detailed previously in this guideline, only those proposals will be considered for funding that have clearly articulated relevance to the economic development and social welfare of Egypt.

Successful applicants will be notified in the week commencing 13 February after the call closes.

1. **Call deadline**

The submission deadline is **23:59 hrs UK time on 18 January 2022.** Proposals submitted after the deadline **will not be considered for funding**.

**The deadline applies to all parts of your application, including upload of fully completed supporting documentation. Any applications which are not submitted *in full* by the deadline, with all required supporting documents, will be considered *ineligible*.** Appeals against this decision will not be accepted.

**For important dates, please refer to Appendix 3.**

1. **Data protection**

How we use your information:

The British Council will use the information that you provide for the purposes of processing your application, making any awards, monitoring and review of any grants.

The British Council comply with the General Data Protection Regulations 2016/679 (EU) GDPR). We process and handle personal information according to these regulations. The personal information that you provide on this form will only be used for the processing of your application. The information will be viewed by British Council and those who are part of the decision-making process. Your information will not be used/shared beyond the partners listed above for any other purpose without your specific consent. British Council reserve the right to publish and share anonymized aggregated information with stakeholders.

Organisation details, where collected, are used for monitoring and evaluation and statistical purposes. Gender information and country of origin, where collected, is used solely for statistical purposes. If we need to contact you, we will do so using the contact details you have provided.

Under UK Data Protection law, you have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on you, and the right to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in that information. If you want more information about this, please contact your local British Council office or the Data Protection Team inforgovernance@britishcouncil.org or see our website: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/privacy-cookies/data-protection>

1. **Applicant screening**

In order to comply with UK government legislation, the British Council may at any point during the application process, carry out searches of relevant third party screening databases to ensure that neither the applicant nor any of the applicant’s employees, partners, directors, shareholders is listed:

* as an individual or entity with whom national or supranational bodies have decreed organisations should not have financial dealings;
* as being wanted by Interpol or any national law enforcement body in connection with crime;
* as being subject to regulatory action by a national or international enforcement body;
* as being subject to export, trade or procurement controls or (in the case of an individual) as being disqualified from being a company director; and/or
* as being a heightened risk individual or organisation, or (in the case of an individual) a politically exposed person.
* If the applicant or any other party is listed in a Screening Database for any of the reasons set out above, the British Council will assess the applicant as ineligible to apply for this grant call.

The applicant must provide the British Council with all information reasonably requested by the British Council to complete the screening searches. Please read the text to this effect on the application form and tick the box to show that you understand this.

1. **Contractual requirements**
* The contracting authority is the British Council which includes any subsidiary companies and other organisations that control or are controlled by the British Council from time to time (see: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/organisation/structure/status>).
* The successful applicants will be expected to undertake activities in the UK and in the partner countries listed in section 2 of the guidelines.
* The British Council is subject to the requirements of the UK Freedom of Information Act, (“FOIA”). Please indicate in your application whether FOIA also applies to your organisation, so that we can reflect this in the Grant Agreement should you be successful in your application.
* The British Council’s contractual approach in respect of the grant (Terms and Conditions of the Grant Agreement) (“Grant Agreement”) is set out in Annex 4,   By submitting a response to this call for applications, you are agreeing to be bound by the terms of these guidelines and the Grant Agreement without further negotiation or amendment.
* In the event that you have any concerns or queries in relation to the Grant Agreement, you should submit a clarification request to egyptggp@britishcouncil.org.eg. in accordance with the provisions of this call for applications by the application deadline. The British Council reserves the right not to make any changes to the Grant Agreement.
* The British Council is under no obligation to consider any clarifications / amendments to the Grant Agreement requested following the application deadline.
1. **Timeline**

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| **Activity**  | **Date** |
| Call for Proposal opening | 5 December 2021 |
| Call for Proposal submission | 18 January 2022 |
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| Clarification questions submitted by applicants  | 30 December 2021 |
| Notification of proposal’s outcome | 13 February 2022  |
| Agreement signing | 20 February to 10 March 2022 |

1. **Implementation**

All funded projects must be implemented in accordance with the submitted proposal, Grant Agreement, and other formal / written communication by the British Council. Any changes to proposed project activities must be approved by the British Council before going ahead.

1. **Digital Platform**

The British Council strongly recommends using Microsoft Teams to deliver virtual activities and workshops.

Principal Applicants, who want to use other online tools or online platforms, must follow British Council’s safeguarding and security protocols. Please email British Council for the protocols or if you have any questions.

1. **Reporting**

Two reports are expected: interim report and a final report. Principal Applicants must submit the interim report within 4 months after the project start (maximum by August 2022) and the final report within 15 days after the project end date. The report templates will be sent to successful applicants as part of the grant agreement and will include financial and narrative sections. Further details will also be provided to successful applicants in the detailed workshop guidelines.

**Interim reports should highlight any intended activities during COP27.**

1. **Diversity**

The British Council is committed to equal opportunities and diversity in all our activities. This includes avoidance of bias due to gender, disability, racial or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or religious belief.

Principal Applicants are encouraged to work towards as equal a gender balance as possible and promote diversity and must ensure that no applicants are excluded from participation on the basis of ethnicity, gender, religious belief, sexual orientation or disability.

Applicants may apply for funding to cover extra costs for such participation. Please email
egyptggp@britishcouncil.org.egwith requested costs to cover the inclusion of under‑represented groups for consideration, after you have submitted your application and quoting your unique application reference number.

for more on the British Council’s approach, see our Equality Policy at <https://www.britishcouncil.org/organisation/transparency/policies/equality-diversity-inclusion>

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## **Contact Details**

For all enquiries, please contact: egyptggp@britishcouncil.org.eg

Appendix 1: Eligibility criteria checklist

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| Eligibility criteria checklist |
| The application has been submitted by the applicant by the published deadline |   |
| The applicants have uploaded letters of support from each of the Principal Applicants’ home institutions |  |
| The application form is completed in full and complies with instructions given |   |
| The application form has been completed in English |   |
| Maximum of two applications per Principal Applicant has been submitted in this round (please note that there is no limit on the number of applications submitted per institution) |   |
| Activities will take place between April 2022 and April 2023  |   |
| The institutions where the Principal Applicants are based are recognised publicly funded research establishments or Higher Education Institutions (can include private universities); the Principal Applicants based in an overseas campus or organisation affiliated to UK or other country must apply as the Egypt’s Principal Applicants and their UK Principal Applicants cannot be their affiliated Higher Education Institutions in UK.  |   |
| Applicants must have the capacity to administer a grant and satisfy British Council requirements to prevent bribery, fraud and professional misconduct. Applicants will confirm that they comply with British Council requirements by responding to pre‑submission questions in the online application form |   |

Appendix 2: Quality review scoring system

Assessment of the quality and development relevance of the proposals will be performed by panel members from the UK and Egypt. Proposals with an average score of less than 30 points are considered not fundable. Equally, only proposals that have clearly articulated relevance to economic development and social welfare of Egypt will be considered for funding.

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| **Section 1: Relevance to economic development and social welfare** | Score | Range |
| The proposal clearly articulates a plausible route for the project to lead to positive impact on the lives of Egyptians and contribute to the economic development and social welfare of Egypt and within a reasonable timeframe (within 10 years).Please see guidance for applicants for further details. |  | **YES/NO** |

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| **Section 2: Relevance to gender equality** | Score | Range |
| * Measures are in place to ensure equal and meaningful opportunities for people of different genders to be involved throughout the project. This includes the development of the project, the participants of the research and innovation, and the beneficiaries of the research and innovation.
* The project will have a positive impact on people of different genders, both throughout the project and beyond.
* The potential impact on the relations between people of different genders and people of the same gender is clearly described. For example, changing roles and responsibilities in households, society, economy, politics, power, etc.
* Risks and unintended negative consequences on gender equality will be monitored, avoided or mitigated against.
* Relevant outcomes and outputs will be measured with disaggregated data by age and gender (where disclosed).
 |  | **Sufficient/****Insufficient** |
| Section 3: Project Proposal quality and relevance | Score | Range |
|  | **0–20** |
| * The academic importance and timeliness of the project proposal is clearly demonstrated.
* The Principal Applicants have sufficient relevant experience to lead the proposed activities and achieve the stated objectives.
* The collaborating institutions are of appropriate academic standing.
 | **20 points:** Meets all criteria to an exceptional level**16 to 19 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level**11 to 15 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level**6 to 10 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level**1 to 5 points:** Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level**0 points:** Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level. |

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| **Section 4: Project proposal** | Score | Range |
|  | **0–20** |
| * The description of the project activities includes clear, feasible and realistic objectives and outputs.
* There is clear evidence that the proposed activities support Climate change
* The project proposal focusses on one of the 2 below angles:
	+ Enhancing the climate resilience of universities & HEIs themselves, and/or
	+ Enhancing HEIs & universities’ contribution to the resilience of communities, business, and government
* The benefits and relevance of the collaboration to the UK and Egyptian institution, and to University climate change resilience and mitigation, are clearly described.
* There is strong evidence of support from both the home and host institutions.
* The project is justified as a standalone activity, or as part of a larger programme.
* The project proposal takes interdisciplinary collaboration into account
* that will strengthen academic collaboration and enhance higher education internationalisation in relation to climate change and COP27 between the UK and Egypt
 | **20 points:** Meets all criteria to an exceptional level**16 to 19 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level**11 to 15 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level**6 to 10 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level**1 to 5 points:** Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level**0 points:** Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level. |

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| **Section 5: Sustainability**  | Score | Range |
|  | **0–20** |
| * The proposal includes a clear and feasible description of how the Principal Applicants’’ institutions intend to sustain their collaboration over the longer term.
 | **20 points:** Meets all criteria to an exceptional level**16 to 19 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a very high level**11 to 15 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to a high level**6 to 10 points:** Meets the majority of the criteria to an adequate level**1 to 5 points:** Meets some of the criteria to an adequate level**0 points:** Fails to meet any of the criteria to an adequate level. |
| Total score for quality assessment(Section 3 + Section 4 + Section 5) | Score | Range |
|  | **0–60** |

1. As defined by the OECD DAC list of official development assistance (ODA) recipients: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/daclist.htm>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *Egypt’s National Climate Change Strategy 2050 (*[*Ministry of Environment - EEAA > Media Center > News Center*](https://www.eeaa.gov.eg/en-us/mediacenter/newscenter.aspx?articleID=6876)*)includes 5 goals:*

⚡*The first goal concerns energy efficiency and low carbon emissions, which aims to increase dependence on cleaner energy, such as hydrogen fuel or natural gas, and applying a national green building standard.*

*🌱The second goal concerns building resilience, which aims to protect citizens’ health and confront any diseases caused by climate change. It is also concerned with confronting biodiversity loss, as well as implementing flood protection systems.*

*📈The third and fourth goals concern governance and business management, which aim to create an enabling and thriving ecosystem for foreign and private investments to increase climate change financing opportunities, as well as promote green banking activities.*

*🔬 The fifth goal concerns enhancing scientific research, knowledge management, transferring technology, and spreading environmental* awareness among citizens and students. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)