

The National Research Foundation has opened the long-awaited call for Concept Notes for the Thematic Research Grants for ICT, Health and Energy. As promised in the engagements with universities, we will be hosting regular information sessions that will present the requirements of the Concept Notes and provide an opportunity for the research community and the designated authorities to ask questions and ensure clarity on the expectations of this call. These meetings are scheduled for every Thursday, 10h30 -12h30 starting 13 November 2025. We will break for the Christmas holidays but will resume in January 2026. All Designated Authorities are encouraged to invite interested applicants to attend one or more of these sessions.

Purpose of the Meeting: Weekly Thematic Concept Note Information Session: Meeting link:

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Meeting ID: 382 311 595 634 01

Passcode: C8tR6pd3

Meeting details: Online

13 November 2025 – 10h30-12h30

20 November 2025 – 10h30-12h30

27 November 2025 – 10h30-12h30

04 December 2025 – 10h30-12h30

10 December 2025 – 10h30-12h30

19 January 2026 – 10h00-12h00

Should it become clear that additional support is required, we will accommodate additional information sessions, either for all institutions, or for individual institutions. We request institutions to attend the meetings as scheduled and to engage with the NRF team (contact details as per Framework Document) before requesting additional support. We will also provide regularly updated Frequently Asked Questions and make these available on NRF Connect and on the NRF Website to further assist where possible or appropriate.

We look forward to engaging with you.

Sincerely,



Tracy Klarenbeek (and Team)

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