

## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS BY THE COMMON FUND FOR COMMODITIES**

The Common Fund for Commodities (CFC), an intergovernmental financial institution established within the framework of the United Nations, invites applications for financial support from qualifying projects that provide innovative solutions for the commodity sector. The projects may include new agritech applications, agroforestry, agro-ecology themed innovative productivity practices, regenerative technologies, increased availability of renewable and affordable energy, expanding environmental services, expediting digital and green recovery, adding to the nutrition security, climate friendly practices contributing to biodiversity, preventing deforestation, digitalization, financial inclusion, blockchain and other traceability solutions.

Financing can be provided in the form of loans for capital expenditures, working capital or trade finance to invest in productivity and value chain upgrading involving smallholders and/or SMEs. Applications should clearly show operational and financial viability of the projects, which should be economically, socially and environmentally sustainable.

The purpose of this communication is therefore to request your Association to consider sharing this information with your members that may wish to apply for financial support from CFC. **The deadline for submission of applications is 1 April 2024.** Further information on the call for applications can be accessed on the CFC official website at: <https://www.common-fund.org/call-for-proposals>.

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