Excellence in Africa: MOOCs on urban development: The call for proposals is open

As part of the African Cities Lab, the EXAF centre launches the first call for proposals the creation of MOOCs on urban development in Africa.

Switzerland is supporting the African Cities Lab (ACL) initiative which will provide online training for urban-development professionals in Africa. EPFL is spearheading this initiative – which has received funding from the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) – through its Excellence in Africa Centre, and has already signed up six partner organizations.

ACL is launching this call for projects to produce MOOCs on African cities and urban development, targeting an audience of professionals. The MOOCs will be courses delivered online over a 4 to 6-week period. Based on the results of ACL’s cross-continental survey, the MOOCs will be tailored to the needs and expectations of city residents. The MOOCs will be developed on the following six priority themes: urban waste management and sanitation, economic development, housing, public health, water management/access, and gender. Transversal aspects will be addressed in the MOOCs including gender equity, safety, and climate change adaptation and/or mitigation.

MOOC producers and participants will benefit from a brand new online education platform, hosted on African soil. The MOOCs resulting from the initiative will create a knowledge network spanning the African continent, making it easier to share best practices.

The deadline for applications is the 15th June 2021. Results are expected by September 2021.

For more details, please visit the Excellence in Africa website.

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