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Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe,
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**Subject: Launch of Call for Proposals: ACP Innovation Fund - EuropeAid/166663
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Dear Professor Nawangwe,

Thank you again for hosting the joint event to celebrate International Day of Democracy at Makerere University. It was a pleasure collaborating with you, and we look forward to more joint initiatives.

Today, I would like to inform you about a Call for Proposals that has recently been launched involving African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) and the European Union. The ACP Innovation Fund call for proposals is worth EUR 50.4 million. This is a substantial effort to boost and optimise Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) capacities in the countries concerned.

The ACP Innovation Fund is a key component of the new "ACP-EU Programme to strengthen Research and Innovation capacity in ACP countries". The new programme is to improve the capacity of research and innovation, policy development and knowledge transfer. The ultimate goal of the programme is to have a structuring effect on the innovation-ecosystems and capabilities of ACP countries.

Given our earlier successful collaborations, I count on you to encourage the different university departments and your other partners to take advantage of this opportunity and participate in the above call for proposals. If a proposal for Uganda emerged successful, this would go a long way in enabling creation, development and diffusion of knowledge, technologies and innovations which are powerful drivers of inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development. The deadline for submission of proposals is 29th January 2020. For more information about the call and guidelines for applicants, please visit our website (<https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/uganda>) or contact Dr. John Kakule at kakule@acp.int.

I look forward to your active participation in this call for proposal.

Yours sincerely,




Attilio Pacifico
Ambassador

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