

## Concept Note

**AfriAlliance Workshop**  
***“Social innovation needs in water and climate:  
regional priorities in Africa”***

*Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 17:30-19:00*  
*AGL Conference, Entebbe, UGANDA*

French/English interpretation To Be Confirmed (decision on the basis of registered participants)

The Africa-EU Innovation Alliance for Water and Climate (AfriAlliance: <http://afrialliance.org/>), is a 5-year project funded by the European Union’s H2020 Research and Innovation Programme. It aims for African and European stakeholders to work together in the areas of water innovation, research, policy, and capacity development in order to increase the preparedness of Africa for future Climate Change vulnerabilities.

One of the specific objectives of this project is to identify and match social innovation and research needs. It will be achieved through regional workshops and face-to-face interviews with practitioners organized in Africa. Both activities (workshop and face-to-face interviews) will be carried out during the African Great Lake Conference.

At least 20 people are expected to participate in the workshop, which targets in particular the following profiles of the audience of the AGL Conference:

- scientists,
- conservation practitioners,
- resource managers.

The workshop aims is to exchange and gather information on social innovation needs for new technological and non-technological solutions to address Climate Change impacts and water related issues. It takes a bottom-up approach and consists of both plenary (presentation of AfriAlliance, presentation of the process adopted to identify and match social innovation and research needs) and breakout sessions (exchange around a questionnaire on social innovation needs).

The expected outcome of the workshop is a list of short/mid-term social innovation needs expressed by participants with information on: the type of innovation, the stakeholders involved, the time frame, the geographical scale and condition of success for their development and implementation.

French/English interpretation is required for this workshop.

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## Agenda

	Agenda	Aim	Who
	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	<i>Introduce the workshop, explain the context and the objectives</i>	<i>OIEau</i>
	<b>Break out groups</b> Social innovation demands in need of technological and non-technological solutions to address Climate Change impacts and water related issues	<i>Identification of social innovation needs</i>	<i>Facilitation</i> <i>OIEAu</i> <i>INBO</i>
	<b>Plenary-Results of the break out groups</b>	<i>Share the results from each break out group</i>	<i>Rapporteurs</i>
	<b>Closure</b>	<i>Next steps</i>	<i>OIEau</i>
	<b>End</b>		