NATIONAL ANNEX:

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION (MSHE)

Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation (MSHE) funds applied research projects under 4 thematic areas:

- Building Resilience: local scale adaptation and adaptive response at catchment scale;
- Earth Observation Technology based assessment of the impacts and consequences of climate change;
- Systematic response Using WEF (water, energy, food) nexus approach for a cross sectoral management of climate change;
- Risks to low-lying coastal socio-ecological systems.

MSHE plans to support not less than 6 projects. The number of supported projects will depend on the number of excellent applications and available funding.

WHO CAN APPLY?

MSHE grants are awarded to Russian scientific organizations and (or) educational organizations of higher education (except for government agencies).

Project consortia should consist of applying for funding partners from at least three of the BRICS countries.

FUNDING PRINCIPLES

Within each selected international consortium, funding of the participating researchers is provided by their respective national funding organization in accordance with their standard award terms and conditions. MSHE provides funding only for the Russian researches. The total budget for this call is to be confirmed and indicated in the national call announcement.

The funding allocated by the foreign partners per calendar year is to be not less than 100% of the funding requested by the Russian applicant from MSHE per calendar year and is to be expressed in rubles according to the official exchange rate of the currency in relation to the ruble set by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation on the date of the call announcement.

Projects that have already received / have applied for funding from any other federal sources are not eligible for funding.

ELIGIBILITY

The proposals' submission procedure will include one stage.

Joint Application Form shall first be submitted by the Project Coordinator to the Call Secretariat through the online BRICS STI Framework Programme Application Management System at <u>http://ams.rfbr.ru/BRICS</u>. Joint Application Form must be completed in English. In addition to the Joint Application Form, each national team of a project shall submit an additional national component (i.e. proposal) to the relevant national participating funding organization following all required procedures of each particular participating funding organization.

Each international consortium must include partners from at least three participating countries (including Russian Federation). Applicants that would like to request funding from MSHE have

to submit a national application within the State Programme «Scientific and Technological Development of the Russian Federation». National proposals are submitted by the Russian partner according to rules and requirements of the national call announcement (to be launched in 2023). Applications should be submitted electronically by completing online forms and posting scanned copies of documents on the unified portal of the budgetary system of the Russian Federation in the information and telecommunication network "Internet" https://promote.budget.gov.ru/. Funding decision is also taken based upon the applicant's compliance with national rules and requirements. There will be organized the National Evaluation procedure for the selected proposals.

The successful projects are to be implemented in 2024-2026.

REPORTING

The reporting period as well as financial reporting equals calendar year. By the end of each calendar year Russian participants have to submit a scientific report as well as the financial statement according to Rules are terms and conditions of the granting system within Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation of December 23, 2020 N 2251 (as revised on 21/08/2023). The report has to include a short overview of the work performed by the foreign partners and the amount of funding allocated by the foreign participants to the joint project.

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