Economic Policy Research Network

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CALL FOR APPLICATION

Professional Training on 'Grant Proposal Writing Skills'

Course Code: EPRN16/PT/21

- **DATES:** 29th -31st October 2021 (9h00AM 4h30 PM)
- **VENUE:** University of Rwanda-CBE Gikondo Campus
- Fees: 60,000 Rwf (EPRN members); 100,000 Rwf (non-members)
- **COVID-19:** All participants must have a negative COVID-19 test to be allowed into training room.

1. Introduction

This course will help participants to master the art of fundraising through funding proposals. Grants Proposal are written as a response to donors' call for submission of proposals. Sometimes, we approach the donors requesting for possible funding. In both cases, we have to describe about our organization, why we want to undertake the project, what we will do and the cost of the projected proposed. At the same time, it is necessary to consider specific needs of the donor. Many of the donors have clear proposal guidelines with formats. It is important to read them carefully before we write a proposal. We also need to understand or assume that the donors do not know well about the project area we intend to invest in and sometimes they don't know what is going on in regard to the project objectives, demands, and intended outcomes. This course will be practical and will help to understand tips of writing winning proposals.

2. Why attend this Training

This course is a great fit for you or your organization if you:

- Write new business proposals or respond to RFPs/Grants.
- Work on a resource mobilization.
- Are new to writing grant winning proposals.
- Want to improve your proposal writing skills.
- Write internal business proposals.
- Review proposals before submission.

3. Course content

- Write proposals with a higher chance of winning
- Learn how to differentiate your proposals from competitors
- Best practices, templates, guides, and tips and tricks
- Proposal strategy, planning, drafting and improving
- Thinking like a proposal analyst, funder, buyer or investor
- Learning to win business via grants and contracts
- Guided hands-on practical proposal writing sessions

4. Training methods

The training course will be run in a workshop style with a high degree of participants' involvement. Adult learning methodologies will be employed, and participants will not be passive. Debate and open discussions will be encouraged. The trainer will use a mix of presentations to define and explain key concepts and practical exercises (including real case studies). Trainees are encouraged to bring their own laptops.

5. Certificate

EPRN will issue <u>completion certificates</u> to participants who will successfully attend the course and pass the course test.

Note: At the end of the course, the trainer will deliver a test, and ONLY participants who will get at least 60% will get the certificates. Others will be advised to wait until another training opportunity for the same course and will attend it free of charge (this chance is provided only once).

6. Training Fees, Venue and Refreshments

• **Members:** 60,000 Rwf

• **Non-members:** 100,000 Rwf

This training will be held at University of Rwanda/ CBE Gikondo Campus (former SFB).

EPRN will provide lunch during training days free-of-charge.

7. Payment process

Interested applicants are encouraged to pay the registration fees through the following bank details:

- Bank Account: **00040 06945750 07** RWF (Bank of Kigali)
- Title of the Account: Economic Policy Research Network

Scan the bank slip and send it to: <u>info@eprnrwanda.org</u> and copy to: <u>ed@eprnrwanda.org</u> OR bring the hard copy of bank slip to EPRN office at UR-CBE Gikondo (former SFB).

You can also pay through MTN MOMO PAY (*182*8*1*030683#) or through PayPal on our website (www.eprnrwanda.org) and notify us through info@eprnrwanda.org

8. How to become 'EPRN Member'?

To join our Network, you need to pay membership fees:

- Individual annual membership fees are 50,000Rwf for national experts; and 100,000Rwf for international experts (Non-Rwandans). A year is counted from the date you paid on.
- Undergraduate students pay 5000Rwf a year, whereas post-graduate students pay 20,000 Rwf. Fresh graduates keep paying the same fees as enrolled students for a period of one year after graduation.
- Annual Membership Fees for Institutional members: Development Partners, INGOs, Ministries and Government agencies pay 2 Million Rwf. Other Institutions like Universities, CSOs/NGOs, Private Companies pay 1 Million Rwf.

Key Membership Benefits are:

(a) Networking with other experts, (b) professional trainings at a discounted rate of 40%, (c) free online training, (d) research facilitation (mentorship, presentation and publication), (e) institutions have access to a wide audience for studies' reports dissemination through policy debates and conferences, (f) institutions have easy access to resource parsons/experts, (g) easy flow of information through a wide network of experts, etc...

If you need further clarifications, call us through: 0788357648 or write to us: info@eprnrwanda.org

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Mr. Seth Kwizera Executive Director