Proposal and Grant Writing Tips and Tricks

- Ensure all the required information outlined in the call for proposals is addressed.
- Highlight your reasoning for your project
- Explain the context and the scenario- explain why this context requires action
- Highlight the gap you intend to fill or the problem you aim to alleviate with the project.
- Highlight the risks if nothing is done about the issue or problem.
- Outline and explain the methodology of your project.
- Highlight intended outcomes of the project and the impact that these outcomes
- Outline how outcomes will be maintained after funds cease to show sustainability of project
- Make connections to broader strategic policies or values of the funding organisation, the national government, supranational bodies (ie African Union, European Union or United Nations) etc.
- Weave in justification from academic papers or grey literature.
- Explain why you are an appropriate organisation to lead such a project and outline any relevant previous projects you have participated in.
- Highlight challenges you may face in the project alongside mitigation strategies
- Outline a clear plan or schedule of activities.
- Outline the budget required and how you plan on using said budget
- Clearly state your goals and objectives- be measurable if possible
- Need to be able to succinctly summarize project in 2–3 sentences