



For Research & Education Networking

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Funding to Participate in the TNC23 Emerging NREN Programme

UbuntuNet Alliance invites proposals from staff of our member National Research and Education Networks (NRENs) to participate in the Emerging NREN Programme (ENP) at TNC 2023. The ENP is organized by GÉANT which is the collaboration of European NRENs. The ENP is part of the AfricaConnect3 project, co-funded by the European Union, that seeks to unlock the potential of education and research through increased access to digital infrastructures and technologies for African education and research institutions.

The ENP has been taking place alongside TNC, GÉANT's flagship yearly conference, since 2018. It seeks to integrate individuals from emerging NRENs from around the globe into the TNC community and create further synergies and connections at different organisational levels between European and international NRENs. In just three editions the programme has reached 65 participants from 37 different countries and territories. The ENP 2023 will be held physically alongside TNC23 in Tirana, Albania, from 5-9 June 2023 and will be hosted by RASH, the NREN of Albania.

The Alliance has funds to support two staff for this year's edition. The application is open to NRENs' engineering and technical staff. Women are encouraged to apply. Eligible NRENs are from Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Malawi, and Somalia.

Sponsorship includes round-trip economy air ticket and daily per diem to meet accommodation, meals and out of pocket expenses. In addition, successful candidates will:

- Have their registration fees waived.
- Participate in the full TNC22 programme.
- Enjoy a tailor-made programme that includes dedicated sessions with the TNC host, RASH, the Albanian NREN.
- Be provided with a dedicated registration link.

Staff at Emerging NRENs interested in participating in the ENP are requested to submit:

- A Lightning Talk proposal (maximum two pages) on a topic they would like to share with the TNC23 audience.
- A CV

Proposals should be submitted as a single pdf file via email to eliakim.okundi@ubuntunet.net.

Deadline for submission of proposals is **February 28, 2023**. Please note:

- That each NREN can submit only one proposal that must be endorsed by the NREN CEO.
- Applicants will be notified by **March 03, 2023**.
- Beneficiaries will be required to submit a two-page report detailing their experiences within two weeks of return.
- The Alliance shall purchase air tickets directly and shall transfer per diem funds to the NRENs for distribution to the staff member.