



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Impact Evaluation Training and Matchmaking Workshop for African Researchers and Policymakers

23–26 March 2026 | Accra, Ghana

The African Centre for Development Impact (ACDI) is pleased to announce its Impact Evaluation Training and Matchmaking Programme for researchers and policymakers across the continent.

The week-long training and matchmaking will take place in Accra, Ghana, from 23–26 March 2026. It is designed to strengthen the capacity of African evaluators, researchers and policymakers in the generation, interpretation, and application of rigorous evidence to support effective public policy and development programming.

The programme is designed to target highly motivated researchers and policymakers seeking to influence decision-making through credible, demand-driven impact evaluation and collaborative research.

Programme Overview

The programme will be delivered in English and French and will adopt a practical, hands-on approach. It is structured to prepare participants to design impact evaluation studies addressing priority government interventions.

- **Three days** of intensive training in impact evaluation methods
- **One day** of structured matchmaking between researchers and policymakers

During the matchmaking session, policymakers will present priority policy interventions and evidence gaps. Researchers and policymakers will then form joint research teams to co-create a design and an approach to assess the impact of the intervention to address real life policy needs.

Post-Programme Support

Following the training and matchmaking event:

- A call will be placed for research teams to develop full proposals based on the priorities presented by the policymakers during the matchmaking.
- ACDI will provide technical guidance during proposal development and study design.
- The proposals will undergo independent review and select teams will be considered for funding support.
- Research teams will be supported to disseminate findings, present results on major platforms, and develop manuscripts for publication.

Course Content

The programme will combine lectures, panel discussions, case studies, and group work. Key topics include:

- Foundations of impact evaluation
- Randomised Controlled Trials (RCTs)
- Quasi-experimental designs

- Cost-effectiveness analysis
- Research transparency and reproducibility
- Linking evidence to policy and programme decisions

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be currently based in an academic, research, or policy institution in Africa.
- Hold a PhD or Master's degree from a credible academic institution
- Have advanced training in statistics, economics, or related disciplines
- Have a background in quantitative methods and/or social sciences
- Demonstrate proficiency in English or French
- Policymakers will be nominated by their institutions

Funding

ACDI will cover the full cost of participation, including:

- Tuition
- Accommodation and meals
- International travel for participants based outside Ghana
- Local travel and accommodation for participants outside Accra

All participants are required to arrive one day prior to the programme and remain for the full duration. Detailed travel and accommodation instructions will be shared with successful applicants.

How to Apply

Applications are now open. Interested applicants should complete the application form via the provided link and upload a current CV. Applications submitted without a CV will not be reviewed.

Apply Here: https://bit.ly/ACDI_IETM

Application Deadline: Friday, January 23, 2026

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About ACDI

The African Centre for Development Impact (ACDI) formerly Development Impact West Africa (DIWA) is a leading Pan-African institution dedicated to advancing the generation and use of rigorous, locally generated evidence in public policymaking.

ACDI envisions an Africa where public decisions are consistently guided by trusted, locally generated evidence for equitable and sustainable development. To achieve this vision, ACDI commits to fostering partnerships that generate and apply rigorous evidence to strengthen public policy and decision-making across the continent.