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## INVITATION TO SUBMIT CONCEPT PROPOSALS

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Raisins South Africa (Raisins SA) is the industry association for South African Raisin Grape Producers. The primary role of Raisins SA is to support producers in increasing the quality, volume and the efficiency of dried grapes.

This is done by ensuring that SA raisin grape producers improve their productivity and continue supplying good quality raisins to the various SA target markets. To achieve this, innovative and relevant research and development activities are undertaken. Interested parties are hereby invited to submit Concept Proposals. Although various topics are welcome, we do see the following as our priorities:

### **Production and Vineyard Performance:**

- Important factors influencing quality.
- Important factors influencing quantity.
- Pest and disease management

### **Improvement and maintenance of quality:**

- Optimisation of drying practices
- Use of new agricultural technologies

### **Natural Resource Management:**

- Soil health and sustainability
- Climate change and mitigation

Concept Proposal must be submitted to Dr Andries Daniels ([andriesd@raisinsa.co.za](mailto:andriesd@raisinsa.co.za)) no later than 31 July 2023 using the provided template.

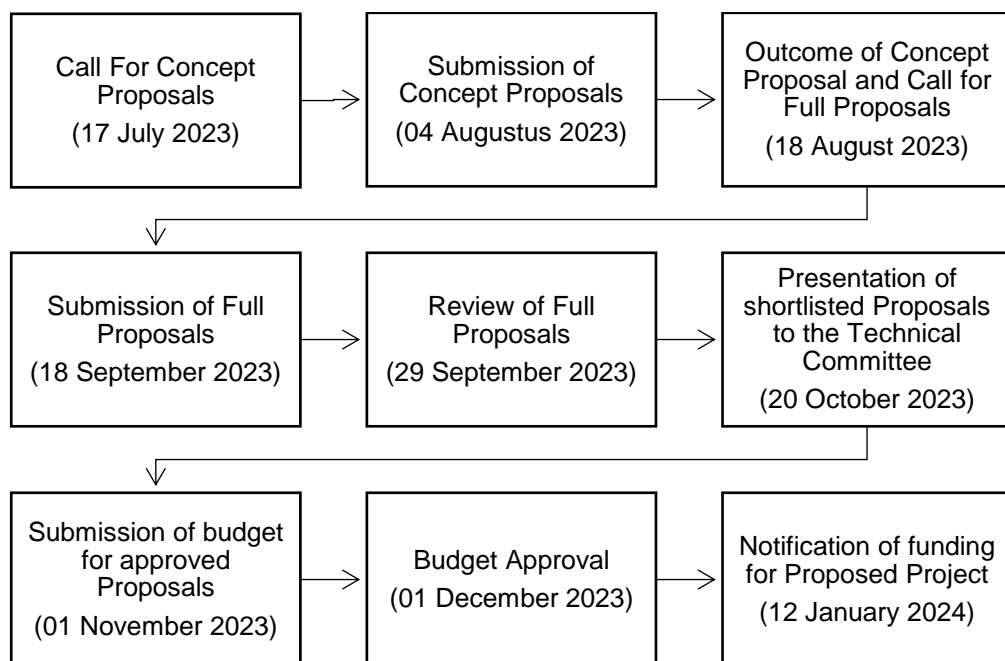
Any enquiries can be directed to [andriesd@raisinsa.co.za](mailto:andriesd@raisinsa.co.za).

### **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- The project title must be specific, and clearly and accurately describe the intention of the work.

- The project proposal template must be used and should not exceed 10 pages.
- Multiple-year projects are allowed, with motivation to support.
- Although Raisins SA has provided some specific examples of what is required, this alone will not guarantee project funding. The project approach and the overall outcomes will be equally important.
- Approved co-funding will be to the advantage of the project.
- The outcome of the technical committee is final.

**DEPICTED BELOW IS THE TIMELINE FOR THE DIFFERENT STAGES OF THE ENTIRE PROCESS:**



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