



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

HOSTING A BIOMANUFACTURING & BIOPROCESSING INNOVATION PLATFORM IN SOUTH AFRICA

The GIZ SAVax programme is co-financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the European Union under the Team Europe Initiative MAV+. It is implemented in partnership with the Department of Science Technology and Innovation (DSTI) and the National Department of Health (NDoH).

Together with Sartorius South Africa, and in partnership with the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI), the GIZ SAVax programme invites Expressions of Interest from South African entities wishing to host a centralised biomanufacturing and bioprocessing innovation platform.

The platform is intended to address the process development and pre-commercial scale-up gap faced by biotechnology start-ups and small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMs) in South Africa. A host entity will be selected to receive upstream and downstream bioprocessing equipment on loan from Sartorius South Africa, together with service level agreements, consumables, training, and technical assistance provided through GIZ. The host entity will make the resulting capabilities available to biotechnology SMMs in the wider South African ecosystem.

Eligible applicants are legally registered South African entities that are existing biotechnology innovation hubs, incubators, accelerators, research platforms, or institutions demonstrably supporting biotechnology SMMs, and that can make suitable laboratory space, utilities and qualified technical staff available from October 2026.

Full eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria are set out in the **Applicant Information Pack**. Applications must be submitted through the [KoboToolbox](#) platform.

Queries may be directed to savaxjointaction@giz.de until 17:00 SAST on 01 October 2026.

The submission deadline is 17:00 SAST on Tuesday, 6 October 2026.