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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The vision of the **Africa Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Cooling and Cold-chain (ACES)** is to create a world-leading Government, Academic, Industry, Community and NGO collaboration that accelerates sustainable solutions to market pan-Africa to simultaneously address two urgent and interconnected global development challenges - food loss and access to sustainable cold-chain and cooling. The Centre will serve as the hub for a future network of Living Labs across Africa that demonstrate and implement ACES solutions, delivering economic security for marginal farmers while accelerating the transition to low carbon sustainable cooling. The first of these is in development in Kenya with funding from the UK Government.

A key goal is to deliver industry the right environment, sales channels, customer financing models and support for the development, demonstration and marketing,

and installation and maintenance of new technologies in Africa. Alongside demonstrating and proving refrigeration and cold-chain technology in-market, ACES will help build after-sales capability, develop the techno-economic business models and financing mechanisms (including climate finance), shape policy and develop capacity through research, teaching and training programmes.

To this end, food and pharma companies and investors across all aspects of the food system (e.g., food production, processing, manufacturing, energy supply and infrastructure, cooling manufacturing, certification bodies, financing) are invited to collaborate with ACES. *Please complete the editable Expression of Interest form overleaf to explore potential options to achieve your objectives while contributing to the success of the Centre.*

If you have any questions or if you require any more information, please email info@coolingafrica.org



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Company and contact details	
Background of your company	
Current equipment, facilities, services, business models and/or other areas of expertise that you wish to deploy or where you wish to engage	
Challenges to address with ACES e.g. Market research; market engagement and demonstration; testing and technology localisation; skills and capacity building / after-sales service; supply chain development; business and finance models; policy environment; in-market presence; etc.	
Goal(s) from engagement and timeline	
How would you like to consider collaborating with Centre e.g. Technology for testing and demonstration; train the trainer; funded research; specific projects; etc.	

Your expression for interest will not be shared with any external party without your permission.

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