

The Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa announces its funding programme for 2020

LONDON (2020) - Following its annual Meeting of Trustees on 23rd July 2020, the Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa (MCFEA) has announced a programme of £320,072 in new grants.

The 2020 funding programme will support the following organisations and projects:

- **Earthwatch Institute (Europe)**: The Environmental Education and Engagement project aims to increase awareness of global environmental challenges and inspire people to take action through organising a large-scale engagement event in the UK and creating online communities.
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN): The Sustainable Financing Principles project aims to address the capacity and regulatory challenges related to the implementation of the Sustainable Financing Principles in Kenya.
- **Springboard Entrepreneurship Development Initiative**: The Small-scale Farmers and Rural Women Livelihood project will promote the livelihoods and the generation of sustainable income for small-scale farmers and create employment opportunities for unemployed rural youth and women.
- **Rainforest Alliance:** The Empowering Tea Farmers with Clean and Affordable Energy Solutions project aims to enhance human and environmental health in tea landscapes by converting farm waste to supply farm and household energy in Kenya.
- **EAT Foundation**: The African node of the Food Systems Network project supports cities in Sub-Saharan Africa to co-develop strategies and actions that encourage the uptake of healthy and sustainable diets within their local context.
- Acumen Academy West Africa and UK: The Acumen Fellowship is an immersive leadership programme designed to empower bold and generous leaders who are committed to tackling issues of poverty and injustice across the region.
- World Resources Institute: The Land Accelerator identifies and empowers African entrepreneurs whose businesses take a market-led approach to restoring forests and farmlands.

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About the Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa

The Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa (MCFEA) is a charitable foundation established in 1992 by Mitsubishi Corporation and its UK-based subsidiary Mitsubishi Corporation International (Europe) Plc. Spanning nearly three decades, the MCFEA has been engaged in a wide variety of partnerships throughout Europe and Africa, supporting innovative projects which align with its central aims: the promotion of environmental conservation; the support of environmental education and research; and alleviation of poverty.

About Mitsubishi Corporation

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MC provides philanthropic contributions through a variety of channels including grants from the MCFEA and its sister charity the Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas (MCFA).

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