



## The Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa

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LONDON (2021) - Following its annual Meeting of Trustees on 20 July 2021, the Mitsubishi Corporation Fund for Europe and Africa (MCFEA) has announced a programme of £299,744 in new grants.

The 2021 funding programme will support the following organisations and projects:

- **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN):** The 'Implementation of Nature-based Solutions for Banking in Kenya' project aims to expand the application of the IUCN Global Standard for Nature-based Solutions to the banking sector in Kenya.
- **Springboard Entrepreneurship Development Initiative:** The 'Small-scale Farmers and Rural Women Livelihood' project will promote livelihoods and income generating activities for small-scale farmers, women and unemployed youth in rural Nigeria.
- **Rainforest Alliance:** The 'Enhancing Sustainable Cooking Options among Coffee Farmers in the Mount Kenya Region' project aims to improve human and environmental health across Kenyan coffee landscapes through the provision of clean energy solutions which utilise briquettes made from coffee husks.
- **EAT Foundation:** The 'Urban Food System Commitments to Action' project aims to transform urban food systems through the promotion of learnings and tools, including outcomes of the UN Food Systems Summit.
- **Acumen Academy Fellows Programme:** The 'Fellowship' project is a leadership development programme designed to connect and cultivate the next generation of leaders with the audacity and skills to address problems of poverty and injustice. The Fellows programme is currently delivered in 9 regions: Bangladesh, Colombia, East Africa, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Spain, the United Kingdom, and West Africa. The MCFEA supports the Fellows programme in the United Kingdom and West Africa.
- **World Resources Institute:** The 'Land Accelerator Africa Revolving Loan Fund' project aims to provide seed funding for entrepreneurs looking to implement innovative land restoration practices across the African region.
- **Farm Africa:** The 'Forest-friendly Livelihood Development in the Bale Eco-Region' project aims to enable communities to establish alternative forest-friendly livelihoods and thereby reduce pressure on Ethiopia's natural resources.

### 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**

Mitsubishi Corporation (MC) is a global integrated business enterprise that develops and operates businesses together with its offices and subsidiaries in approximately 90 countries and regions worldwide, as well as a global network of around 1,700 group companies.

MC has 10 Business Groups that operate across virtually every industry: Natural Gas, Industrial Materials, Petroleum & Chemicals Solution, Mineral Resources, Industrial Infrastructure, Automotive & Mobility, Food Industry, Consumer Industry, Power Solution and Urban Development. Through these 10 Business Groups, MC's current activities have expanded far beyond its traditional trading operations to include project development, production and manufacturing operations, working in collaboration with our trusted partners around the globe.

With an unwavering commitment to conducting business with integrity and fairness, MC remains fully dedicated to growing its businesses while contributing to a prosperous society.

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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