How to Navigate the Application Form

The application is divided into three main sections:

1. **About You**

   This section includes multiple-choice questions and basic personal information to help us understand your background and context.

2. **About Your Project**

   Here, you'll find a mix of tick-box options and two short-answer questions:
   - A brief description of your project or idea (max. 150 words)
   - A project title that best represents your work and helps identify your application

3. **About Your Leadership**
   - This final section asks you to reflect on your leadership journey in a response of up to 500 words.
   - You'll also be asked to upload your CV (maximum 2–3 pages).

Please note: Each question in the form includes a brief instruction to help you answer clearly. These individual instructions will not appear in this overview but are available directly within the application form.

About You Section

1. Full Name

2. Email Address

3. Linkedin Profile

4. Educational Level

5. Do you have a disability or do you identify as a person with a disability (visible or invisible)?

   This question is **optional** and will **not affect your application**. You may choose to answer or leave it blank. We ask this to better understand the diversity of our applicants and ensure accessibility and inclusion where needed.

   Mark only one oval YES/NO/PREFER NOT TO SAY.

6. If yes, and you'd like to share more, please select any of the following that apply:
   Checkboxes – optional

7. Please select your region / *Mark only one oval.*

   ◯ Sub-Saharan Africa

   ◯ Middle East & North Africa

   ◯ South Asia & Southeast Asia

   ◯ Pacific Islands & Small Island Developing States

   ◯ Latin America & the Caribbean

   ◯ Non-Global South Region

8. Country of Nationality

9. What is your English Language Proficiency?

   Mark only one oval.

10. Are you applying as an:

    Mark only one oval.

    ◯ Individual

◯ Member of a Team

11.   **If part of a team,** who is the team leader?

If you are applying as part of a team, please provide the full name of your team leader. This helps us identify and group team members correctly during the assessment process. If one member of the team is selected and the other members meet the minimum eligibility criteria, the entire team may be admitted to the programme. Each team member must submit an individual application and indicate the shared team name and project in the designated section of the form.

If you are applying as an individual, you can skip this question.

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12.   Which role best to describe you? *

Tick all that apply.

Entrepreneur

Educator

Leader

Postgraduate Student

Practitioner

Researcher

Other: _____

About Your Project Section

13.   **What is the name or working title of your initiative or project?**

14.   **Describe your project**

In no more than 150 words, describe your project or idea. If you're already working on a project, tell us what it is, who it serves, and why it matters. If you haven't developed one yet, that's okay, briefly describe the kind of idea or initiative you'd like to work on. This can evolve as the programme progresses.

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15. **What stage is your project currently at?**

This will not affect your application. We welcome both early-stage ideas and ongoing projects. What matters most is that your idea is feasible, innovative, or grounded aligned to the **six priority areas of impact.**

Mark only one oval.

- ( ) Just an idea
- ( ) Prototype or pilot
- ( ) Early implementation
- ( ) Established and scaling
- ( ) I don't have an idea nor a project yet I plant to develop it during the programme
- ( ) Other: _____

16. **Which of the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) does your project aim to address?**

Select all that apply

Tick all that apply.

- [ ] SDG 1 – No Poverty
- [ ] SDG 2 – Zero Hunger
- [ ] SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being
- [ ] SDG 4 – Quality Education
- [ ] SDG 5 – Gender Equality
- [ ] SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth
- [ ] SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- [ ] SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities
- [ ] SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production
- [ ] SDG 13 – Climate Action
- [ ] SDG 15 – Life on Land
- [ ] SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals

17. **Please select the category you are applying for** *

Mark only one oval.

1. Empowerment of Rural Women in Agrifood Systems Transformation

2. Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Agrifood Systems Transformation

3. Biodiversity Conservation for Regenerative Agrifood Systems

4. Food Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Plant-Based Solutions for Regenerative Agrifood Systems

5. Creative and Cultural Industries for Systemic Change in Agrifood Systems

6. Educational Toolkits & Learning Strategies for Systemic Change in Agrifood Systems

Other: _____

About Your Leadership Section

18. **How do you envision yourself in the next years as a Fempower Leadership Ambassador?**

This is one of the most important parts of your application, so take your time.

By answering this question, you are writing your **Letter of Motivation** for the Fempower Leadership Ambassador Programme *(minimum 250 words and maximum 500 words, with a tolerance of up to 10% over the limit if necessary).*

Instructions: In your own words, tell us your story. Use this space to reflect on your journey, your values, and your vision as a leader. You don't need to hold a title or be well- known, just be honest, bold, and clear about why this matters to you.

Your answer should include these four key points:

1. The kind of change you want to lead in your community
2. How you would use your own project to inspire others
3. What leadership qualities or life experiences make you a strong candidate
4. Why you want to become the Fempower Leadership Ambassador in your country and what drives you

Please write in your own words. It's okay to use AI tools to help polish or refine your writing but your ideas, passion, and story should be truly your own. We want to hear *your* voice, not one generated entirely by AI.

19. **Upload CV**

Please upload your CV in **PDF or Word format**, with a **maximum length of 2–3 pages**. Kindly **do not include your gender, photo, age, or other personal data not relevant to your experience or qualifications.**

This means that applicants may be strong candidates whether they bring **academic achievements without prior hands-on experience in the field**, or **empirical and practical experience without formal academic qualifications**—such as volunteering, community leadership, or grassroots involvement—

All applications are assessed based on the **potential of the proposed idea or project**, as well as the applicant's **academic merit or demonstrated leadership through lived experience**. We recognise and value diverse pathways to impact, and are committed to a fair, inclusive evaluation process that prioritises substance, purpose, and potential over background or appearance.

20. **Would you like to showcase work on the FLA Programme?** *(Optional)* *

This opportunity is completely optional and will not affect your application or selection process. As part of the Fempower Leadership Ambassador Programme, you will have the opportunity to share your voice and ideas through the FLA platform. Whether you're working on a project, developing research, or have a powerful story to tell—this is your space to be heard. Ambassadors who choose to speak will receive a Certificate of Participation as an FLA Speaker or Research Presentation, recognising their valuable contribution to the programme and to global conversations on women's empowerment and gender equality or should relate to one or more of the six priority areas of impact featured in this year's cohort.

Mark only one oval.

⬭ A Masterclass

⬭ Thematic Inspirational

⬭ Conference Research or Project

⬭ Presentation

Other: _____

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