

# **“From Capacity Building to One Health Empowerment – Afya Moja Winter School 2026”**

**Federico II University of Napoli – Department of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Production**

**16 –20 February 2026**

**Afya Moja (TNE23-00079 CUP C84C24000190006)**



**AFYA MOJA  
PROJECT**

## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**Decree No. 33 of 19 January 2026**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF N°40 PARTICIPANTS TO TAKE PART IN THE WINTER SCHOOL COURSE: FROM CAPACITY BUILDING TO ONE HEALTH EMPOWERMENT – AFYA MOJA WINTER SCHOOL 2026 WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT TNE 23-00079 “HEALTH TECHNOLOGY: FROM CAPACITY BUILDING TO CAPACITY STRENGTHENING - AFYA MOJA”- CUP C84C24000190006 -Scientific Responsible Prof. Bianca Gasparrini**

**WHEREAS**, on October 3, 2023, the Ministry of Universities and Research, Directorate-General for Internationalization and Communication, issued Directive No. 0167 titled “Notice for the Allocation of Funding for Transnational Educational Initiatives”;

**WHEREAS** the Notice defined “the specific guidelines for the selection and funding of at least 10 transnational educational initiatives (TNE), as provided for under Submeasure T4 ‘Transnational Initiatives in Education,’ Investment 3.4 ‘University Education and Advanced Skills’ of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, Mission 4 ‘Education and Research’ – Component 1 ‘Strengthening Educational Service Provision: From Nursery Schools to Universities’”;

**WHEREAS** the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Productions contributed as a partner to a project proposal titled “Health Technology: from capacity building to capacity strengthening,”; submitted to the Ministry of Universities and Research on November 28, 2023 (TNE23-00079);

**CONSIDERING** that, through Directive No. 188 dated June 26, 2024, the Ministry of Universities and Research approved the list of projects eligible for funding under the funds established by Directive No. 167 dated October 3, 2023; and that the project proposal “Health Technology: from capacity building to capacity strengthening”; (Afya Moja) was deemed eligible and fundable for the amount of €2,744,928.78.

**CONSIDERING** that, through the Co-operation Agreement dated November 27, 2024, for the project “Health Technology: from capacity building to capacity strengthening” (TNE23-00079), the University of Naples Federico II has joined the Afya Moja Consortium with the University Campus Bio-Medico of Rome (Lead Institution), the University of Pisa, Alma Mater Studiorum – the University of Bologna and Polytechnic University of Bari

**CONSIDERING** that framework co-operation agreements between the Afya Moja Consortium, represented by the University Campus Bio-Medico of Rome, and the University of Abomey-Calavi, the National University of Sciences, Technologies, Engineering, and Mathematics, and the National University of Agriculture (UNA) of Benin, were stipulated on January 21, 2025

**CONSIDERING** the Department Council Resolution No. 12 of 25/12/2025, by which the Council of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Production authorized the issuance of a call for applications for the activity defined in the subsequent Article 1

## DECREES

### ART. 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Production, within the framework of the PNRR TNE AFYAMOJA project "Health Technology: from capacity building to capacity strengthening", funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR), CUP: C84C24000190006, led by Campus Biomedico di Roma, announces a call for applications for the selection of No. 40 participants, with 30 places allocated to applicants from the partner universities of Benin (Africa) to take part in the Winter School Course: From Capacity Building to One Health Empowerment – Afya Moja Winter School 2026

### ART. 2 GOALS

The *Afya Moja Winter School 2026* – “*From Capacity Building to One Health Empowerment*” aims to strengthen participants’ competencies in project design, scientific communication, and interdisciplinary problem-solving within the One Health framework. Through a combination of plenary lectures and hands-on training, the Winter School will:

- enhance skills in research proposal development, including SWOT, stakeholder, problem, and goal analysis;
- provide participants with practical tools for project management, budgeting, risk assessment, and understanding the European funding landscape;
- improve scientific writing abilities, with specific focus on structuring manuscripts, analyzing data, and preparing figures and tables in line with research ethics standards;
- promote experiential learning through practical sessions in veterinary sciences, biomedical sciences, agricultural technologies, social sciences, and industrial engineering;
- foster interdisciplinary collaboration among international participants and support capacity building aligned with the objectives of the Afya Moja project

### ART. 3 REQUIREMENTS, APPLICATION PROCEDURE, AND COURSE FORMAT

The activities of the Winter School will take place from 16 to 20 February 2026, structured into morning and afternoon sessions. The program includes a combination of theoretical lectures, interactive workshops, and hands-on practical training held both in the main venue (Aula Magna, Department of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Production) and in the laboratories and facilities of the Departments involved in the *Afya Moja* project such as Veterinary Medicine, Agricultural

Sciences, Industrial Engineering, Social Sciences and Advanced Biomedical Sciences—according to the detailed schedule that will be provided.

All activities will be conducted in English. Attendance is mandatory for all selected participants.

Applications for the winter school are open to Postgraduate students (post-graduated, PhD students, post-docs, medical residents) specializing in: Veterinary Science, Agriculture, Medicine and Surgery, Engineering, and Social Sciences.

Applications, duly signed by the applicants, must be submitted no later than 12:00 PM Central European Time (CET) on 09/02/2026 by email in PDF format to the following address: [simona.sagliocco@unina.it](mailto:simona.sagliocco@unina.it); [valentina.longobardi@unina.it](mailto:valentina.longobardi@unina.it), with the object: Application for Afya Moja Winter School 2026

The application must include the following information:

- Curriculum vitae
- ID document
- Email address for correspondence
- Degree Certificate

#### **ART. 4. SELECTION CRITERIA**

The selection process will be carried out by a Committee appointed by the Director upon the proposal of the Scientific Responsible.

The evaluation committee will be composed as follows:

Faculty and administrative staff members, appointed by the Director of the Department, where the funds for the project are allocated.

The selection will be carried out based on the candidates' CVs. Priority will be given to Postgraduate students from Benin universities affiliated with the Afya Moja project.

Gender balance will be considered during the selection process. In cases where two candidates have equal qualifications and evaluation scores, preference will be given to the candidate belonging to the gender that is underrepresented among the selected participants. Additionally, if two candidates of the same gender have equal qualifications and evaluation scores, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

Allocated positions by Department:

Department of Agricultural Sciences: 12 positions for Beninese students, 3 for Italian students

Department of Industrial Engineering: 4 positions for Beninese students, 1 for an Italian student

Department of Advanced Biomedical Science: 5 positions for Beninese students

Department of Social Sciences: 3 positions for Italian students

Department of Veterinary Medicine: 9 positions for Beninese students, 3 for Italian students

## ART. 5 – RANKINGS

The rankings will be published on the Official Noticeboard, available on the University's website at <https://www.unina.it>. The publication of the rankings constitutes formal notification for all purposes; therefore, no further communication will be provided to the individuals concerned.

## ART. 6 BENEFITS

All selected participants will be provided with meals throughout the entire Winter School.

By attending the Afya Moja Winter School 2026, participants will benefit from the following:

- Opportunities for academic networking, including exchanges and collaborative initiatives;
- Exposure to innovative teaching methodologies and learning environments;
- Potential to establish long-term collaborations in research and teaching.

## CONTACT

For any additional information, clarifications, or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact:  
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The Director  
Prof. Aniello Anastasio



## DECLARATION IN LIEU OF CERTIFICATION

To the Director of the  
Department of Veterinary Medicine and  
Animal Productions of the  
University of Naples Federico II,  
Via F. Delpino 1, 80137 Naples

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_[Full Name], born in \_\_\_\_\_[Place], on  
\_\_\_\_\_ [Date], residing in \_\_\_\_\_ [Address], hereby request to be  
admitted to the selection for the Afya Moja Winter School 2026.

I declare under my responsibility aware of the penalties for false statements as per Article 76 of DPR 28 December 2000,  
n.445, that:

[List of personal details and statements ]

Attachments:

[List of required documents]

Date: \_\_\_\_\_[Insert date]

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_[Insert signature]