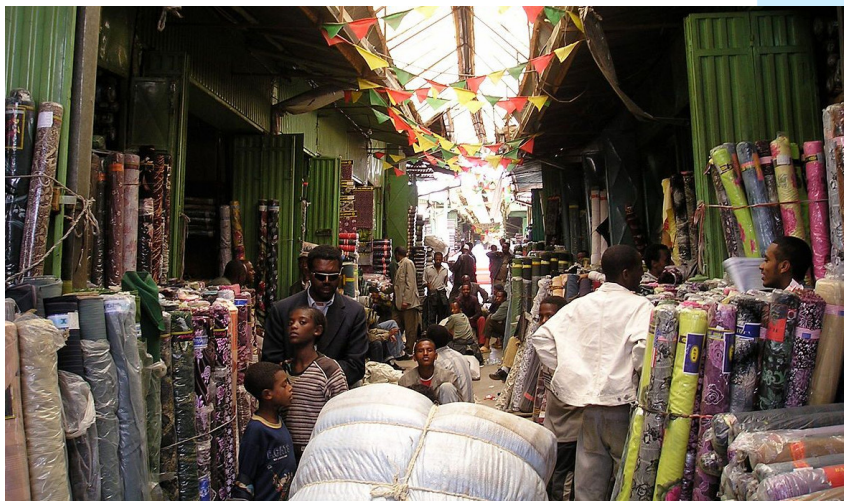




## Innovative Grant Fund

As you might recall, Initiative Africa had announced a call for Chambers, BMOs and other Eligible Institutions to submit their proposal for support under the [Innovative Grant Fund \(IGF\)](#) pillar of the [EMEA Project](#). The call submission time line lasts from June 19th till July 31st, 2020. Through out the period a total of 55 proposals had been submitted from chambers, BMOs, Women Entrepreneurship Associations and others. The IGF team since the deadline are reviewing the proposals, communicating with applicants for necessary clarifications and evaluating the proposals as per the criteria set forth to select the proposals that are through for the next round evaluation. IA will inform applicants that have passed the first-round evaluation on the days after August 31, 2020.



## News Highlight

### Successful Inception Period

Initiative Africa (IA) in collaboration with Pan African Chamber of Commerce Industry (PACCI) and Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) has been.....

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## EMEA Project kick-off

The consortium of partners Initiative Africa (IA), [Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry \(PACCI\)](#) and Center for Private International Enterprise (CIPE) received a green light for the implementation Phase of the Empowering Marginal Economic Actors Through Policy Reform from the Bottom-up (EMEA) project after submitting their inception phase report ( Nov 2019 - May 2020) to the principal donor Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (sida). The implementation phase June 1,2020 - October 31, 2022 will have activities centered around four pillars; Empowering marginal Economic Actors, the innovative Grant Fund to Business Membership Organizations (BMOs) , facilitation of Public Private Dialogue with Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations (ECCSA) and Capacity development of BMO, Marginal economic actors and ECCSA. The overall objective is to engage the private sector, particularly marginal economic actors, in policy reform to improve the ease of doing business in Ethiopia.