



**Global Alliance of  
Assistive Technology Organizations**

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**Call for Collaborative Work with  
GAATO or any of its members**

**This call is open to non-members of GAATO**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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## BACKGROUND AND AIMS

The Global Alliance of Assistive Technology Organisations (GAATO) is a non-profit informal Alliance of legally established membership organisations from different countries or world regions.

**Our Mission** is to advance the field of assistive technology (AT) and rehabilitation engineering (RE) to benefit people with disabilities and functional limitations of all ages.

As Global Alliance members we are committed to working towards equitable and reliable access to assistive technology through research, policy advocacy, educating people and organisations within and outside of the field, teaching, training, and knowledge translation. To reach our mission we promote communication and information exchange, support each other's efforts, and speak with a more unified voice on international issues.

**Each year a call for collaborative work is launched by the board.** The call is open to non-members of GAATO proposing activities that they wish to implement with the active involvement of GAATO or GAATO members.

The Call is an opportunity for those organisations seeking:

- To gear efforts to shared goals
- To learn from other organisations
- To access with more success project funding opportunities and partnerships

This document is about the call for collaborative work 2020.

## THE 2020 CALL FOR COLLABORATIVE WORK

The 2020 call for Collaborative work builds on the challenge to further access to Assistive Technology and Rehabilitation Engineering worldwide.

Different areas have been identified where GAATO and GAATO members can contribute significantly:

- Policy analysis and development
- Data collection and analysis: Users and markets
- Service innovation: Service standards and models of good practice in different settings including the analysis of evidence (outcomes and impact)
- Innovation: Technology transfer and knowledge translation
- Development: Supporting AT organisations and professionals worldwide
- Capacity building programmes and tools: Education, training and awareness raising

The call for 2020 is therefore looking forward to receiving proposals for collaboration in the following **Action areas**:



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- A. The **exchange of good practice.**
- B. The **development of strategies and tools.**
- C. **Research collaborations.**
- D. The **collection, elaboration and dissemination of information.**

**Proposals** should relate to either one of the action areas.

### **GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS**

Proposals do not need to involve huge amounts of work or resources. They should be appropriate for your organisation to cope with. Proposals should be non-commercial in nature and can consist of sharing knowledge, the organization of events, the dissemination of project outcomes, etc.

*Examples: 1) An organisation of rehabilitation experts in Egypt is interested in developing a University course for OT's. They are looking for Universities running such courses among the GAATO members to have an exchange on the lessons learned. 2) An NGO in Germany has the opportunity to apply for funding under a European Programme and is looking for organisations across the globe to participate in the project as partners.*

All proposals will be assessed by the chairs and if considered relevant forwarded to the GAATO members who can respond or forward the proposals to their members. GAATO does not guarantee that all proposals will lead to new projects or collaborations. The role of GAATO is to collect and review proposals, to suggest their clustering where relevant, to establish contacts between organisations and to support project development based on collaboration agreements. Once there are collaboration agreements in place the collaborative work will be included in the annual work plan of GAATO. Such an agreement will typically include a clause on intellectual property and copyright.

The publication of results of a collaboration started within the framework of this call, will typically carry the GAATO logo among those of the parties involved.

In order to propose a collaborative work in 2020 it is sufficient to.....

- complete the attached submission form Annex 1
- send it to [hoogerwerf \(at\) aaate.net](mailto:hoogerwerf@aaate.net) before the **31st of January 2020**



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### **SUBMISSION FORM PROPOSALS FOR COLLABORATION 2020**

Name of the organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of operations and address: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of your proposal (*if any*): \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following details (min. 300, max. 600 words):

***Rational:***

***Specific objective(s):***

***Activity:***

***Expected results:***

***Specific GAATO member invited to collaborate (if any):***

***Can individual members of Alliance members collaborate and how?:***

***Other (suggested) collaborating organisation(s):***

***Timeline:***

***Estimation of resources needed and/or resources already found:***

**<Name of the authorized representative>**

**<Date and place>**

**<Signature>**