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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**Technical support staff for Asia- Pacific region**

**Regional Secretariat**

**International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC)**

The International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC) is an autonomous and self-organized global platform of small-scale food producers, rural workers organizations, and grassroots/community-based social movements whose goal is to advance the Food Sovereignty agenda at the global and regional level. More than 6000 organizations and 300 million small-scale food producers self-organise themselves through the IPC, sharing the principles and the 6 pillars of Food Sovereignty as outlined in the Nyeleni 2007 Declaration and synthesis report (IPC publication).

As part of its political agenda, in 2021 the IPC has launched the Nyeleni process to “*build a common political agenda, strategies, and ways of working to transform the global system towards economic, social, gender, race and environmental justice in order for Food Sovereignty to be fully realised*”. The Nyeleni process will culminate in a Global Nyeleni Forum that will take place in India, in 2025.

The IPC has set up regional processes on all continents. The regional processes of the IPC follow the general principles and lines of actions agreed upon at the General Meetings. Regional organizations and all regional formations (branches) of the international organizations organize the process by setting up a coordination structure of all the different organizations at the regional level. The regional processes define the regional priorities and facilitate the full participation of the regional organizations in the IPC Working Groups (WG) and the participation in all institutional regional processes where the IPC is involved.

The International Secretariat of IPC, which offers technical support to the global movement, is looking to hire a technical staff support for the Asia Pacific region **to be based in India**, with at least 5 years of experience working with – and coordinating - social movements, supporting the implementation of the IPC’s regional work plan and articulation of the Nyeleni process in the region. The position should act as a liaison between the IPC International Secretariat and the IPC Asia-Pacific regional secretariat, ensuring efficient information sharing and contributing to the articulation of the process and the organisation of the Forum. It can be based anywhere in India working remotely from home, as long as regular access to the internet is guaranteed.

### **TASKS:**

- Support organisational processes, regional and global events and activities that are part of the IPC’s regional work plan, including but not limited to the Nyeleni process,
- Be responsible for the effective functioning of the assigned work and assure timely communication with the regional members and international secretariat,

- Secure and provide logistic support for the organisation of internal and external meetings organised by IPC (Regional meetings, FC meetings, Regional and International Conferences, seminars etc.) in collaboration with other staff members.
- Facilitate dialogue, consultation and decision making of IPC leaders working in the regional and international processes and to facilitate their participation in spaces and processes related but not limited to the Nyeleni process, FAO, and other institutional processes.
- Being able to make proposals regarding the implementation of the IPC's work plan.
- Be in contact with IPC secretariat to coordinate fundraising, funds management and communication.
- Support activity reporting (financial and narrative) as far as needed.
- Be ready to work behind the scenes, to do logistical work as well without taking any public or political profile.

### **PROFILE:**

- Good understanding of social movement processes and, if possible, coming from IPC members (regional or national level), or like-minded movements or organizations.
- Experience in coordination work in social movements at the international level, experience with organising processes, resolving problems, proposing solutions and new ideas.
- Familiar with the issues of the food sovereignty movement (seeds, agroecology, land, food sovereignty, biodiversity, fisheries, pastoralists, migrant workers' rights, housing rights, women's rights et.al), and committed to the vision and goals of IPC.
- Ability in providing political support (policy analysis and briefings)
- Must be self-starter, should be capable of taking initiative after initial consultation, and should have experience working with minimal supervision.
- Proficient in English and Hindi. The knowledge of any additional language spoken in South Asia (particularly Kannada, Tamil, Nepalese, Bangla, and Sinhalese) will be an added advantage.
- Being somebody that looks for solutions in consultation with the team for the problems and challenges that appear,
- Excellent teamwork skills and the ability to build good relations both internally and externally.
- Ready to travel, when necessary, within India and internationally for work.
- Willing to operate in the system without protagonism and open to respecting diverse views within the movement space.
- A consultative, participative and gender-sensitive approach to work.
- Committed to principles of equality, diversity, and social justice.

### **EQUITY AND DIVERSITY:**

IPC is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed both to promoting equity and diversity within the organization. We prohibit discrimination of any kind based on race, ethnicity, colour, religion, caste, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, indigenous status, immigration status, genetics, disability, age or any other legally protected factors.

## **WORKING CONDITIONS:**

It is a full-time contract for a period of two years. Specific working conditions and salary levels will be based on the IPC employment policies.

The consultant will report to the regional leadership of IPC Asia-Pacific and will be regularly in contact with the IPC international secretariat to assess the work on mutually agreed terms set by the leadership in the region.

- Working Days: Monday to Friday every week, occasionally work on weekends when needed
- Holidays: 20 days of annual leave, excluding national holidays.

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

If you are interested, please send your CV and a cover letter to [ipccip.foodsovereignty@gmail.com](mailto:ipccip.foodsovereignty@gmail.com).

**Deadline for sending applications: 23rd October.**