



## **Global Student Forum Call for the Expression of Interest**

### **Consultancy: Campaigner and Fundraiser - Environmental Justice**

Full-Time Position as a Consultant  
Based in Accra, Ghana

Deadline for Applications: 6th of November 2021 - 23:59 GMT

#### **About the Global Student Forum**

The Global Student Forum is the umbrella organisation of the world's major representative student federations and the only independent, democratic and representative student governance structure dedicated to promoting the rights and perspectives of student organisations and movements on the global level.

The organisation was founded in 2020 by the All-Africa Students Union (AASU), Commonwealth Students' Association (CSA), European Students' Union (ESU), Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions (OBESSU), Organización Continental Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Estudiantes (OCLAE) and other national student organisations. Through its membership it currently represents 198 student unions from 120 countries. Incubated within the legal structure of Education International, the GSF offices are located within the headquarters of Education International in Brussels, Belgium.

#### **About the Position**

Scientists agree that climate change represents the greatest threat humanity has ever faced. Over-consumption of natural resources, mass extinction of species, lasting damages caused by pollution and persisting social injustices are well documented. As students, we listen to and stand behind the scientific community and understand that we need to act in unity, with urgency, to defend future generations and our ecosystem at large.

Over the past two decades, it was most prominently students and young people who took the battle for a safe and dignified future to the streets, creating an unprecedented

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momentum for climate action by taking the lead in raising awareness of human made climate change and its catastrophic consequences for our planet. As a platform for both formal and informal student-led initiatives, the Global Student Forum recognises its convening power to build collaboration between the regional, national and local student unions within its membership, and other student and youth-led climate justice movements, and so create a highly connected, mobilised and effective political movement.

In order to further accelerate and streamline our efforts in the environmental justice field, we are seeking for additional capacity to maximise our impact as a global movement with a multiplier effect on an enormously large and politically influential constituency. To amplify the leadership of our member unions in the Global South, the offered consultancy will be based in the regional All-Africa Students Union offices, located in Accra, Ghana to ensure greater involvement and agency of the African membership in the GSF's projects and campaigns.

We offer a **one year service contract** (15. November 2021 - 15. November 2022) with possible extension. The compensation for this **full-time consultancy** is **1750 USD** per month. The compensation will be paid quarterly (every 3 months) in advance.

### **Main Responsibilities**

- Coordinate the GSF WG on Environmental Justice, and further develop the organisation's profile as a key actor in the climate and environmental justice field through campaigns, advocacy actions and capacity building.
- Lead the GSF's advocacy efforts and global campaign towards COP27, including the planning and implementation of an in person training event in cooperation with the Executive Director.
- Lead the development of project applications and grant proposals related to climate justice and quality climate education, to create further capacities with the student movement and diversify the funding of the GSF.
- Build and coordinate relationships with institutional partners and relevant UN frameworks and agencies.



- Create and disseminate a toolkit for student-led climate action in tertiary and secondary learning environments with the aim of establishing a pool of student sustainability experts to support members in each region covered by the GSF.
- Work with the GSF WG on Environmental Justice to draft a GSF sustainability policy and further develop new ideas for student led action in the field.
- Further reduce the barriers of collaboration between the formal student movement umbrellaed in the membership of the Global Student Forum and informal youth and student-led climate action groups by integrating and strengthening each other's efforts.
- Build capacities around climate education to further position the student movement as a driving force when it comes to reshaping how we teach and learn about climate change

### **The Qualities We Are Looking For**

- Ability to network effectively and establish resilient long-term relationships with civil society organisations, donors and other strategic partners.
- Prioritises and manages multiple projects with ability to adapt to changes in the work environment, competing demands and unexpected events.
- Highly developed verbal, written, organisation, listening and presentation skills, including proofreading and public speaking.
- Expert proficiency in written and spoken English - (a knowledge of other regional languages would be an advantage, especially Spanish, French, Arabic or Portuguese).
- Demonstrates ability to take initiative and work independently.
- Capable of directing and working effectively with volunteers on a wide range of activities while under pressure by deadlines.
- Proficient in latest versions of Microsoft Office applications including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint as well as a graphic editing software of personal choice (e.g Canba, Photoshop)
- Willingness and flexibility to occasionally work evenings and/or weekends as necessary to carry out responsibilities.
- Ability to align work with strategic goals.
- Self-motivated and systematic.



- Good organisational and analytical skills.
- Excellent team player and networker.
- Emotional intelligence and ability to build relationships.
- Intercultural sensitivity and discretion.

## **Education and Professional Experience**

- Higher education degree in social sciences or a discipline related to environmental science & sustainability is desirable.
- Experience in working with youth/student unions and movements and/or trade unions and/or international organisations and/or the education sector is considered a strong asset.
- Experience in working with environmental justice organisations and movements is desirable.
- A sophisticated understanding of non-profit strategy and appreciation of the nuances and sensitivities of international organisations
- Proven ability to manage relationships with external partners is desirable.
- Proven ability to work in a team, with particular regards to international and intercultural settings is essential.
- An international network of contacts in civil society, trade unions, private foundations, government and academia is desirable.

## **How Can One Apply?**

Candidates are kindly requested to submit their application, containing a CV and Letter of Motivation (max 2 pages) to [steering.committee@globalstudentforum.org](mailto:steering.committee@globalstudentforum.org).

Applications open on the 25th of October 2021. Deadline for Applications is the 6th of November 2021 - 23:59 GMT. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to an interview in the week after.

For questions and clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact:  
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