

## Agroecology in the Himalayas: Call for Proposals from Partners in India, Bhutan and Nepal, Application Deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Members of the Agroecology Himalaya Task Force / friends and colleagues,

We are excited to share with you today a Call for proposals, which is a unique and impactful partnership opportunity to scale up agroecology in the Himalayas.

Opening period: September 6th - October 6th, 2023

<u>Objective</u>: We are actively seeking partners to join us in our project aimed at empowering local stakeholders in the Himalayas (India, Nepal, and Bhutan) to play a substantial role in shaping policy environments that support agroecology-based food systems.

<u>Project Overview</u>: This initiative is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the International Fund for Agricultural Development. Spearheaded by the World Future Council and IFOAM-Organics International, the project commenced in May 2023 and lasts 48 months. From December 2023 to December 2026, substantial funding (500,000 EUR), will be allocated to partnering agreements.

## **Project Goals:**

- Scale up Agroecology: Promote sustainable food systems and policies.
- Empower Local Stakeholders: Enhance engagement in food policy.
- Advance Agroecology: Boost support for agroecology regionally and globally.

<u>Geographic focus:</u> Project activities are focused on India and on the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR) – focus on Sikkim, Meghalaya, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and/or Nagaland -, as well as, on Nepal and Bhutan.

<u>How to apply:</u> Detailed application procedures and criteria can be found in the attachments. Kindly use the template provided. If you plan to apply, kindly briefly inform thereof Ms Ingrid Fritsche (email <a href="ingrid.fritsche@worldfuturecouncil.org">ingrid.fritsche@worldfuturecouncil.org</a>), with copy to Ms Xhona Hysa, <a href="mailto:x.hysa@ifoam.bio">x.hysa@ifoam.bio</a>.

We kindly request your valuable assistance in disseminating this opportunity widely within your professional networks.

Your continued support is instrumental.

Warm regards, Ingrid, Gábor, Xhona, Vladyslav, and Te-Chun World Future Council & IFOAM – Organics International