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

**Objective:** 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.

**Project Overview:** 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.

**Geographic focus:** 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.

**How to apply:** 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 ingrid.fritsche@worldfuturecouncil.org), with copy to Ms Xhona Hysa, x.hysa@ifoam.bio.

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

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