

VOICES FOR JUST CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME SOUTHSOUTHNORTH CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2022 COMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA, AND KNOWLEDGE PARTNERS: INDONESIA

The [Voices for Just Climate Action \(VCA\)](#) programme is a lobby and advocacy programme being implemented by the World Wide Fund for Nature Netherlands (WWF-NL), SouthSouthNorth (SSN), Akina Mama wa Afrika (AMwA), Slum Dwellers International (SDI), Fundación Avina and Hivos under the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs' five-year strategic partnership: "Power of Voices". SSN, the knowledge partner for the VCA programme, has launched this call for proposals to support the knowledge management, brokering, communications and capacity development of the VCA Indonesia programme. **The deadline for submissions is Monday 14 March, 2022 17h00 (WIB).**

Background

The VCA programme aims to ensure that by 2025, local civil society and underrepresented groups will have taken on a central role as creators, facilitators, and advocates of innovative and inclusive climate solutions. Their inclusion is crucial for effective and lasting climate response because the climate crisis is a societal challenge with ethical and human rights aspects occurring alongside a number of inequalities based on gender, socioeconomic class, race, ethnicity, nationality, ability, sexual orientation and age.

The programme's overall approach is to work with civil society to build widespread societal support for locally shaped climate solutions through an inclusive and rights-based approach. This includes building a broad-based climate alliance at the country level bridging divides (urban-rural, gender, youth) that amplify voices in unusual ways. In addition, it will influence national and global policies and financial flows (e.g., climate finance, private sector investments) in support of these locally shaped solutions. Finally, through a climate justice approach, the programme intends to see an expanded civic space where civil society voices, particularly indigenous and marginalised people, are heard on climate action.

VCA in Indonesia

The VCA programme has identified the Jakarta, Papua and East Nusa Tenggara provinces as target areas for programme implementation. This is because Papua and East Nusa Tenggara provinces have a high prevalence of exploitative practices without getting the required attention from the national government in both urban and rural areas. The programme will be rolled out in the three provinces to strengthen the capacity to co-create local climate solutions and amplify voices through storytelling and building the capacity of local actors. This will be complemented by national-level advocacy and influencing. The alliance partners will also scale up evidence to influence policy at the national level to demonstrate what is possible in other country regions. The focus of the Indonesian programme is

to join civil society forces from these regions to influence at a national level. These connections are critical, relatively new and add value in the Indonesian context. The VCA programme has brought on board a number of contracted civil society organisations and coalitions to advance the project objectives and deliver on the programme.

The programme's main strategic interventions are centred around the following three pillars

1. Mutual capacity strengthening for co-creating alternative scaled climate solutions
2. Agenda setting and movement in climate action through amplified storytelling
3. Joint lobbying and advocacy to make policy and financial flows responsible for locally shaped climate solutions

Who we are

SouthSouthNorth (SSN), one of the VCA alliance members, supports national and regional responses to climate change through policy and knowledge interventions, partnerships and deep collaboration. We do this by connecting people and information, enhancing capability and mobilising resources to respond innovatively to climate change's challenges and opportunities. Being positioned in the Global South affords SSN a deeper understanding of, and connection to, the climate and development challenges facing the region. SSN's role in this programme will focus on:

- Convening and connecting stakeholders across the science-policy divide
- Aggregation and synthesis of existing knowledge into easily accessible formats for different audiences
- Accessible and responsible communication through news, blogs, briefs, and other digital formats; and
- Learning collaboratively: with wider communities of practice, participating in and convening learning initiatives and capacity strengthening.

Call for proposals

The Alliance seeks to partner with Indonesian organisations specialising in climate change-focused knowledge management, knowledge brokering, and media and communication to support the VCA programme and local civil society partners. The Alliance, through these grants, will support proposals designed and implemented by partners that contribute towards ensuring local civil society and underrepresented groups take on a central role as creators, facilitators, and advocates of innovative and inclusive climate solutions

Grant lines:

The Alliance will support the proposals and activities designed to implement the VCA strategic interventions and the above requirements.

GRANT 1: Communications, knowledge management and brokering

This grant is set to support activities designed to provide knowledge management and communication support to strengthen the capacity of civil society and underrepresented groups to take on a central role as creators, facilitators, and advocates of innovative and inclusive climate solutions. The partner is expected to (a) engage with the VCA alliance and local partners to develop and implement a) communications and advocacy strategy for climate justice and amplify local stories

and climate solutions (b) bring together VCA alliance diverse advocacy and communications approaches and develop a common messaging framework (c) build capacity of local VCA partners on communication, advocacy and lobbying (d) connect to broader climate change mobilisation in the country and region to support lobbying and advocacy, as well as knowledge brokering from the local to the national level through strategic partnerships and engagements. The proposal should demonstrate strong knowledge management and brokering approach in project delivery.

Applicants for this grant should have considerable expertise and experience in knowledge management, brokering and media and communications to support the VCA alliance and local partners.

Budget: Up to 40,000 for the first year, with the potential to extend to 2-3 years based on performance and opportunity

GRANT 2: Storytelling, media and communications

This grant is set to support activities that capacitate local actors to set agendas and connect movements through amplified storytelling. The partner is expected to (a) produce stories with local actors on local climate solutions, (b) develop and deliver training on storytelling, (c) Provide communication support to local actors, and raise the profile of their local climate solutions through media engagement and digital communication. The applicant for this grant should have experience facilitating storytelling sessions with communities and citizens with tangible outputs or experience implementing media training and fellowships and using stories for influencing at local and national levels.

Budget: Up to 25,000 for the first year, with the potential to extend to 2-3 years based on performance and opportunity

Please note, if applicable, SSN could consider an application for more than one grant by an organisation or coalitions . If an organisation would like to apply for more than one grant, they will be required to submit separate proposals for each grant type.

Applications

The Alliance encourages applications from NGOs, CSO and non-profit organisations with relevant expertise, experience, networks, and relationships with a proven track record of working with alliances and coalitions, including unusual groups, and bridge divides (national-local, urban-rural, gender, youth) to strengthen citizens agency and amplify voices.

The organisation will be contacted directly through SSN. Organisations or coalitions will need to have the appropriate skills, experience and networks to support SSN. You will play a central role in building strong communication of the programme and core themes of climate justice and will be required to work collaboratively with SouthSouthNorth and the other Alliance partners. The Indonesian-based organisation will need to have proficiency in English to engage with the SSN team.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Locally registered non-profit Indonesian organisations who are not already contracted under the VCA programme.

- Coalitions, networks, consortiums, and alliances with at least one locally registered non-profit Indonesia organisation with sufficient operational and financial management experience
- An applicant with a clean human rights record
- An applicant with a track record on developing and advocating for locally shaped climate solutions
- An applicant with the ability to link to and mobilise more extensive networks or capacity to access, mobilise, convene, and influence power-holders
- It will be considered favourable if the coalitions/organisations:
 - Have prior experience carrying out activities in priority areas related to climate change adaptation and mitigation, including (desertification, water, food security and sovereignty, deforestation, coastline, energy, policy, etc...)
 - Includes actors not traditionally working in climate justice issues but that have skills and tools which are relevant and/or scalable - Reflects a diverse perspective and intersectionality approach, which will enhance participation and strengthen the wider climate justice movement and advocacy
 - Led by or who work with women groups, youth, persons with disabilities, or other marginalised groups.
 - Willing to collaborate with other actors to influence more substantial impacts, build capacity over time, and jointly develop and implement a capacity strengthening plan.

The following criteria will be used during proposal review and selection:

- Clear aim and objective: the proposal is instrumental and/or strategic in contributing to VCA strategic objectives/outcomes (or even better, the ToC)
- Context analysis: the extent to which the proposal defines the problem and objective
- Rights holder representation: the degree to which the organisation involves, represents, and potentially amplifies the voices of most impacted and underrepresented groups and communities
- advocacy and lobby: the degree to which the project potentially influences the stakeholders to implement new procedures and policies, create new and unexpected connections and practice
- Innovation: the degree to which the project/coalition provides clear innovative methods to enhance civil society participation in climate action (innovative solutions, now-how potential of local communities and indigenous people, nature-based solutions)
- Knowledge brokering: how the project plans to use the available knowledge and package relevant information in easily accessible formats to reach critical stakeholders to support evidence-based decision-making for just climate action
- Thematic focus and relevance: project addresses at least one of the thematic areas (desertification, water, food, deforestation, coastline, energy, etc...)
- Intersectionality approach: adopts a diverse, gender-equality and rights-based perspective to climate action and advocacy
- Regional presence: the priority is given to the hotpots of the climate change vulnerability zone.

Proposal submission

Grant Duration: March 2022 - February 2024. Depending on performance, the grant duration may extend for 2-3 years

Application and submission Timelines: Application deadline is **Monday 14 March, 2022 17h00 (WIB).**

To apply, kindly complete the (1) proposal template and (2) budget template and send documents to infovca@southsouthnorth.org

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