



**Friends of  
the Earth  
International**

Friends of the Earth International is looking for an:  
**International Program Officer – Food Sovereignty**

**0.8 fte – 30 hours – 4 days a week, Amsterdam-based position, NL work permit required  
(applicants from earlier call should not apply)**

**Friends of the Earth International (FoEI)** is the world's largest grassroots environmental federation with 73 autonomous member groups around the world. FoEI aims to ensure that the struggles and experiences of local communities – especially those most affected by unsustainable development – are brought to bear on policies and practices at national and international levels. We focus on four program areas: climate justice and energy, forests and biodiversity, food sovereignty, and economic justice. Our vision is of a peaceful and sustainable world based on societies living in harmony with nature.

FoEI's decentralized and democratic structure allows all member groups to participate in decision-making. We are governed by our member groups who come together every two years to vote on issues facing the federation. Between meetings governance is provided by an elected Executive Committee made up of representatives from our groups. Our member groups are organized into four regional structures, each with a regional facilitator who enables the coordination of regional decision-making and activities. A small International Secretariat (IS) in Amsterdam and a team of global staff supports the member groups, campaigns, programs, and other activities of the federation through fundraising, program coordination, trainings, communications, and information management.

**Job description:**

The International Program Officer works closely with one of FoEI's four international programs: the Food Sovereignty (FS) program. The program officer will be part of a small Amsterdam-based team, led by FoEI's international programs facilitator, that supports development and implementation of program and regional strategies and activities and facilitates the planning, monitoring, evaluation and learning processes of the programs and regions.

FoEI's Food Sovereignty program engages national member groups from around the world in a variety of strategies to achieve international policy, mobilization and movement strengthening goals. In the coming period FS program priorities include contributing to organizing and mobilizing a stronger food sovereignty movement that pushes for system change, including resistance to all forms of oppression, and exposing and building active resistance to agribusiness power, including the corporate push for questionable nature-based “solutions” to the food and climate crises. Key program strategies include working together with the food sovereignty movement in the International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty to support the organization of the Nyeleni 3 process and developing shared analysis and policy recommendations in the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism for relations with the UN Committee on World Food Security. In addition to lobby, advocacy and movement building at the international level, the program works with member groups and allies at the regional and national levels to strengthen capacities and support strategies to push for change.

The FS program is coordinated by two International Program Coordinators (IPCs) who are based in FoE member groups in Uruguay and Scotland. The program works closely with a steering group made up of member group representatives from across FoEI's geographical regions, who help guide and oversee the work of the program. The program officer will work closely with the IPCs and steering group members, as well as FoEI's finance and communications teams.

The work of the FS program is funded through the Fair, Green and Global (FGG) alliance, which is funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Bread for the World (BftW). The program officer will engage in FGG processes as needed on behalf of FoEI and will serve as grant manager for FoEI's grant with BftW. The program officer acts as the budget holder for the FS program.

### **Job responsibilities:**

- Work with the IPCs to support implementation of program activities, including trainings, program meetings, development of communications materials and lobby and advocacy efforts.
- Support the process of funding national member group lobby and advocacy work included in the program plans, including monitoring the work;
- Monitor the budget for the program activities, track expenses and follow up with IPCs, member groups, consultants and suppliers as needed;
- Support and improve the planning, monitoring, evaluation, learning and reporting processes for the program;
- Work with the IPF and IPCs to ensure compliance with the requirements of the program's funders, including development of gender-focused outcomes, monitoring of program plans, and narrative reporting on program outcomes and lessons learned;
- Represent FoEI in the FGG alliance and in other funding processes, including taking part in discussions and activities related to FS program planning, reporting, evaluation and learning.
- Manage FoEI's food sovereignty program grant with Bread for the World

### **Requirements:**

- At least three years of experience in managing international or multinational projects, including experience with the planning, monitoring, evaluation, learning and reporting cycles;
- Affinity with the mission, vision, values and objectives of Friends of the Earth International, as well as with a theory of change that includes movement building strategies as well as lobby and advocacy strategies;
- Excellent strategic thinking and planning skills, with experience in applying these in a complex and shifting international context;
- Strong interpersonal, inter-cultural and organizational skills;
- Proven writing skills; ability to summarize and distribute information quickly and succinctly;
- Strong attention to detail and ability to meet deadlines;
- Ability to work in collaborative decision-making processes in a global, decentralized environment and to manage and prioritize a variety of key initiatives concurrently;
- Experience working on lobby and advocacy campaigns and movement building tactics and strategies focused on environmental or social justice objectives (including addressing gender inequalities and other forms of oppression) would be an advantage;
- Excellent English and Spanish language skills; fluency in French would be a strong advantage.
- Knowledge of the food sovereignty movement and issues would be a strong advantage

### **What FoEI offers:**

We offer an opportunity to contribute to a better world and work for an inspiring international and culturally diverse network in an office with a small friendly team at a great location in Amsterdam. Salaries are competitive with comparable nonprofit positions and based on experience and qualifications,

full time salary between € 4.071,- and € 4.534,- gross monthly. Participation in collective pension arrangement is compulsory. Candidate must be in the possession of a working permit for the EU.

Friends of the Earth International is an equal opportunities employer. Diversity and inclusion are important values for FoEI. We aim to have a FoEI team that reflects the diverse composition of our federation. We strongly encourage applications from people currently under-represented in the environmental justice movement.

Contract duration: one year, to be renewed upon positive performance evaluation.

### **Applications**

To apply for this role, please prepare your CV and a motivation letter that summarizes how your profile aligns with the key requirements, skills and abilities of this role.

Both motivation letter and CV should be submitted by e-mail no later than June 23rd with the subject "Food Sovereignty IPO" to: Nina Ascoly, International Programs Facilitator, at [vacancies\(at\)foei.org](mailto:vacancies(at)foei.org).

First round interviews will take place August 1<sup>st</sup> and/or 3rd. Second round interviews will take place August 8th.

Checking references is part of the selection procedure.

This is a third call for this position. Applicants who applied in earlier rounds do not need to re-apply.

Please note that, in compliance with GDPR, we will keep your application in our protected files for a maximum of four weeks after the successful closure of this vacancy.