## **Global Research and Action Networkfor aNew Eco-Social Contract**

We are building a new global network to explore the promise of a new eco-social contract as a way of responding to pressing social and ecological challenges. The network will be a space for dialogue, debate, co-construction and action around the meaning of a new eco-social contract; good practices for its design; and accountability frameworks for its application. Research, practice, advocacy and policy decision-making communities working for social, climate and environmental justice are invited to join in this task.

## **What is the network’s mission?**

The network will bring together research, practice, advocacy and policy decision-making communities working for social, climate and environmental justice in a progressive knowledge and action alliance. The mission is to broaden understanding around the idea of new eco-social contract; define its terms, including a just transition to climate-resilient, green and fair economies; and identify the actions required of stakeholders at multiple levels to ensure its implementation entails climate and environmental justice, racial justice, respect for human rights, decent work, gender equality, intergenerational justice, the rights of the natural world, and biological and cultural diversity.

### **What is the network going to do?**

* Create a space for dialogue and debate to co-construct and foster understanding around the idea of a new eco-social contract
* Forge consensus around the guiding principles of a new eco-social contract that can be used at the global level and in specific geographies.
* Build solidarity between movements working in different ways towards a new eco-social contract, through the integration of intersectional perspectives on social, climate and environmental justice.
* Strengthen the capacity of policy decision makers, researchers, practitioners, trade unions, business associations, social movements, indigenous peoples and others to engage in informed and evidence-based discussion, decision making and practical action for a new eco-social contract.
* Nurture social and policy action by identifying and informing the mechanisms, processes and institutions needed to drive a new eco-social contract – such as citizenship education, citizens’ assemblies and other deliberative democracy approaches, and climate and ecological literacy.
* Scale up awareness and support uptake of the role of a new eco-social contract in the transition towards a sustainable and inclusive future.

**How can members contribute and benefit from the Network?**

* Members are expected to use their own events and activities to create a space to share and debate visions and actions for new eco social contracts (multiplier effect).
* Members are also encouraged to share research, best practices and lessons learnt regarding new eco-social contracts, for example in inclusive constitution making processes, climate assemblies, social and solidarity economy initiatives, citizen and social movements for social and climate justice, etc.
* Members will be invited to all activities of the network and can post their activities on the network platform.

**Who can join the network?**

The network for a new eco-social contract is for research, practice, advocacy and policy decision-making communities and individuals, in the public and private sectors, interested in co-constructing a new eco-social contract that is inclusive, climate-proof, and adapted to the complex challenges of the 21st century.

Membership in the eco-social contract network is free and open. Members should support the network mission and have deep commitment to and expertise in one or more areas related to sustainable development and human rights. They should be working towards eco-social transformation. Interested institutions and individuals are welcome to send a motivation letter to the GEC Secretariat and UNRISD:

Paramita Dutta: paramita.dutta@un.org or

Najma Mohamed: Najma.Mohamed@greeneconomycoalition.org