Global Research and Action Network for a New Eco-Social Contract

Membership Information

Purpose
The purpose of the Global Research and Action Network for a New Eco-Social Contract is to explore the promise of a new eco-social contract as a way of responding to pressing social and ecological challenges. The network is a space for dialogue, debate, co-construction and action around the meaning of a new eco-social contract; good practices for its design; and mechanisms for its application.

Mission
The Global Research and Action Network for a New Eco-Social Contract brings together organizations and individuals from the research, practice, advocacy and policy decision-making communities working for social, climate and environmental justice in a progressive knowledge and action alliance.

The network’s mission is threefold. First, to broaden understanding around the idea of a new eco-social contract. Second, to define its terms, which would enable a just transition to climate-resilient, green and fair economies. And third, to identify the actions, institutions and processes available to stakeholders at multiple levels to define eco-social contracts that integrate 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 does the network do?
The Global Research and Action Network for a New Eco-Social Contract convenes a community that bridges disciplines and sectors, thus catalysing an intersectional approach between the social, climate and ecological justice movements. Led by a secretariat hosted jointly by GEC and UNRISD, members participate in, and have access to, a range of activities to pursue the network’s mission—such as an online platform for engagement, webinars, surveys, joint research, publications and their dissemination, discussion forums, knowledge exchange, capacity building and networking opportunities. The network welcomes both organizations and individual members.

Membership benefits

- Members are featured on the network webpage, gain visibility for their work on a new eco-social contract, and have access to dissemination opportunities via UNRISD and GEC channels.
- Members can ensure that their ideas and priorities feed into a new, interdisciplinary, global community of practice on a new eco-social contract, and gain access to sources of knowledge that they would otherwise miss out on.
- Members can form intersectional alliances and partnerships that champion integrated and transdisciplinary approaches required to address complex social and ecological challenges.
- Members have a voice in the co-creation of new forms of knowledge; framing of issues that contribute to eco-social transformation; and formulation of new policy and practice recommendations.
- Members participate in the diffusion of new ideas, data and best practices that exert influence on thinking, policy and practice for transformative change.
Membership commitments

- Members support the network’s mission, and are committed to working collaboratively towards its realization.

- Members possess demonstrated expertise in one or more areas related to sustainable development and human rights, and apply their expertise in concrete ways towards eco-social transformation.

- Members use their own events, networks and activities to raise awareness and visibility of the vision, meaning and potential of a new eco-social contract (multiplier effect).

- Members bring to the network their own research findings, as well as best practices and lessons learned— for example, from their engagement in inclusive constitution making processes, climate assemblies, social and solidarity economy initiatives, citizen and social movements for social and climate justice, etc.—regarding new eco-social contracts.

- Members participate actively in the activities of the network, making themselves available for consultations on specific topics, regions, or strategic processes; regularly attending meetings; and providing inputs and contributing to dialogues/debates when requested.

Who can join the network?

The Global Research and Action Network for a New Eco-Social Contract is for organizations and individuals in the research, practice, advocacy and policy decision-making communities, in social movements, civil society and 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 Global Research and Action Network for a New Eco-Social Contract is free and open to organizations and individuals that adhere to the membership commitments.

To express interest in joining the network, organizations and individuals are invited to fill in our online form and we’ll get in touch!

If you have questions or need further information, please contact us!

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