

Subject: **INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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The Grassroots Institute [www.grassrootsinstitute.net] aims to undertake education, capacity building, action research, strengthen human development initiatives and take appropriate grassroots field action to empower marginalized communities and Indigenous people to bring about environmental and social stewardship. Started in 2005, The Grassroots Institute has emerged as independent capacity building organization over a dozen of years. From 2018, The Grassroots Institute has reoriented the functioning and reestablished in Canada. From our website, you will understand that we focus mainly on 1) trainings (capacity building); 2) research (field studies and action research); 3) action (multiple action initiatives); 4) publishing (publishing of journals); and 5) other initiatives. Outside Canada, we concentrate our integrated activities geographically in three regions: South Asia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia. In addition to our main website www.grassrootsinstitute.net, we have separate global website for capacity building programs <http://www.grassrootsglobal.net/> and journals <http://grassrootsjournals.org>.

Our strategic relocation to Canada is meant to support and expand The Grassroots Institute's overall function on a global scale to assist in addressing policy and governance issues worldwide. Viewing future expansion of spatial and programmatic scope globally, the establishment of a functional "**International Advisory Council**" with eminent and like-minded individuals from around the world is pivotal to this endeavor. The members of the 'International Advisory Council' will be voluntarily contributing as advisors on certain thematic issues, organizational matters, relations building, strategic matters, etc. From time to time, the members will be individually contacted for advice and assistance. Moreover, the majority of members of the International Advisory Council may be requested to assist and support in research activities, delivering lectures in capacity building programs, editing the journals, and connecting with support agencies. For such assistance, moderate cost of mobility may be borne by us along with an honorarium wherever applicable and possible.

Within the above context, we wish to **nominate** senior experts/academics as a **member of International Advisory Council** of The Grassroots Institute. This membership will be for 3 years term, starting on the date of acceptance. The name, affiliation, photo, email id and weblink(s) of member will be displayed on our website's council page <http://grassrootsinstitute.net/council.html>. Interested people should please contact send their letters with credentials.

Sincerely yours,

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