



Call for Nominations for Global Land Programme Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) Members

GLP is currently seeking to nominate four new SSC members, starting January, 2018. The Global Land Programme (GLP) is an interdisciplinary community of science and practice fostering the study of land systems and the co-design of solutions for global sustainability and a Global Research Project (GRP) of the [Future Earth](#) international research platform. GLP represents the community of scientists working on land systems and aims to lead synthesis and knowledge production in the field, organize platforms for interaction between community members through workshops, conferences, online resources and social media, and plays a role in setting the science agendas for emerging land system research themes to better integrate the understanding of the coupled human-environment system.

The activities of GLP are initiated, stimulated and overseen by an international **Scientific Steering Committee (SSC)**. The GLP SSC represents a broad spectrum of disciplines, areas of expertise, and nationalities and includes both mid-level and senior scientists. SSC Members are selected based on their standing in the international scientific community and their willingness to serve the community by taking leadership in organizing activities, with due consideration to regional, gender, and disciplinary balances.

The continuing success of GLP relies on the input of these people. In seeking nominations, we are looking for scientific excellence and a high level of commitment to GLP goals and activities. For this call the SSC also seeks to balance member composition both in terms of gender and regional representation, and thus encourages applications from women and from the global regions of Southern Asia and Africa.

The general tasks of a GLP SSC members are as follows:

- Advise and work together with the GLP International Project Office (IPO) in carrying out scientific synthesis research across the field of land system science. This may include activities as, for example, leading and/or contributing to GLP Working Groups, the editing of special issues, initializing high impact synthesis papers and organizing workshops and special sessions during OSM.
- Serve as a channel of communication and promotion of the project between scientists working on various aspects of global change and/or in different regions. It is expected that SSC Members actively promote GLP in their institutions and network community, including the promotion of land system research with funding agencies.
- Explore and promote new directions of land system science, responding to societal priorities, where appropriate in close collaboration with stakeholders (co-design).
- SSC members actively participate as liaisons vis-à-vis other international programmes as well within Future Earth to promote our science and insure

collaboration and effective use of existing knowledge on different aspects of land system research.

- Planning new and emerging research and science policy activities that contribute to the overarching objectives of GLP; acting as a liaison to GLP workshop organizers; representing GLP at international meetings; planning, organizing and hosting GLP workshops and meetings.
- Contributing to funding acquisition efforts for GLP initiated activities such as workshops.
- Establish and oversee GLP stakeholder engagement activities to implement a co-design approach for future land system research.

In addition, a GLP SSC Member is expected to:

- Provide sustained guidance to the GLP IPO and Nodal Offices, which include being responsive to requests, taking leadership on activities and providing inputs to communications of GLP.
- Review working group and/or nodal office proposals GLP documentation and endorsements when requested by the IPO or by Future Earth.
- Participate in the scientific committee of GLP Open Science Meetings as requested.
- Participate on behalf of GLP in Future Earth Knowledge Action Network (KANs) development and implementation with backstopping from IPO.
- Attend and make an active contribution to the yearly 3-days SSC meeting.

The term for the GLP Scientific Steering Committee Membership is normally three years, and may be renewed for additional three years. Nominations to the SSC can be made by individuals and will be considered by the current GLP SSC and IPO, and where needed in consultation with the Future Earth Secretariat. Selected candidates are then recommended to Future Earth for final approval. When selected, the new SSC members will then receive a formal appointment letter.

GLP currently receives funding to cover travel and accommodation for all SSC members for the yearly SSC meetings. In addition, GLP has a small IPO staff with some resources to support dissemination activities and maintain network communication. For all other activities, SSC members should secure funding in close collaboration with the IPO. SSC membership relies on voluntary contributions of its members.

Candidates can nominate themselves by sending the filled-in GLP SSC Nomination Form including a short CV (max. 5 pages) by email to the GLP IPO (glp@cde.unibe.ch). Four SSC positions are available, starting January 2018. Further inquiries can be addressed to the SSC membership or to the International Programme Office. To learn more about GLP, including the current science plan, activities, SSC and IPO and obtain specific SSC member contact information visit glp.earth.

Application Deadline: November 15, 2017

Submit application to email address: glp@cde.unibe.ch