Call for nominations – Future Earth Regional Office for Southern Africa (FEROSA) Steering Committee

In the pursuit for a multi-sectoral and trans-disciplinary FEROSA Steering Committee that will carry out the ambitions of the Southern African region, we are inviting applications from qualifying candidates in the Southern African region to serve as members of FEROSA Steering Committee. In the main the FEROSA Steering Committee is tasked with:

- Overseeing the Implementation of the FEROSA Strategic Plan.
- Providing oversight in the design of projects and activities at regional level.
- Identifying and promoting strategic partnerships, including leveraging of resources.
- Identifying key experts to lead development and implementation of programmes, advocate for Future Earth programmes in their region.

Future Earth is a global research initiative that seeks to provide the knowledge and support to accelerate transformations to a sustainable world. This initiative, launched at the Rio+20 Brazil Conference in 2012, aims to be an inclusive global research and engagement platform to ensure that knowledge is generated in partnership with society and users of science. It is open to scientists of all disciplines - natural and social, as well as engineering, the humanities, law and policy makers.

Future Earth currently has a globally-distributed Secretariat comprised of five global hubs (Colorado, Montreal, Paris, Stockholm, and Tokyo) and five operational regional centres in: Asia; Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Europe; Latin America; and the Future Earth Regional Office for Southern Africa (FEROSA) as the fifth Future Earth regional centre and the only one in Africa.

Regional centres and offices play a key role in Future Earth’s operational structure. These centres are a conduit for communication between the Global Secretariat and the regions. They garner regional partners and resources and provide the five core functions (i.e., coordination, research enabling, communication, capacity building and synthesis and foresight) of the Executive Secretariat within regions. This makes the presence of FEROSA even more crucial; as the only Africa Office at present, FEROSA will play a key role as Africa’s voice in Future Earth’s global structures.

The incumbent FEROSA Steering Committee was constituted on 14 February 2020 during the FEROSA stakeholder platform and consists of nine (9) members from across the region. The current Steering Committee members were subsequently appointed in March 2020. The Committee’s period is aligned to the first cycle of Future Earth, up to 2025. This call seeks to finalise the constitution of the FEROSA Steering Committee by satisfying the 15 member Committee criterion, meaning that there are six (6) vacant positions available on the Committee.

The Nomination process will be finalised during the Selection Committee meeting scheduled for June 2021.

Purpose of the call

- To identify suitable candidates who will be considered for the FEROSA Steering Committee.

Who may apply?

The selection of the FEROSA Steering Committee is intended to ensure that FEROSA has a strong geographical representation from across Southern Africa, a balance of physical and social science disciplines, gender and youth balance, as well as representation from the private sector and civil society organisations. Thus nominations are requested from:

1 http://www.futureearth.org/
Regional organisations and institutions, national organisations and institutions, associations, civil society organisations, development partners, funding organisations, and the private sector from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Member States.

Application process

- The FEROSA Secretariat will manage the applications.
- A Selection Committee Chaired by Future Earth will review the applications and make recommendations.
- Applications must motivate why the nominated candidate / organisation would be suitable to join the FEROSA Steering Committee.
- Applications should be submitted through the contacts listed below.
- Individuals may self-nominate; however, a letter of support from the individuals’ organisation will be required.
- There will be a 1-stage review process conducted by the Selection Committee, whereby recommendations for the full composition of the FEROSA Steering Committee will be made.
- Additional required documentation for the application includes:
  - Letters from the institution/organisation where the nominee is currently employed.
  - Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the nominee.

How are applications evaluated?
Each nomination will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Quality of the applicants:
  - Evidence of significant contributions to and/or leadership in their area of expertise.
  - Evidence of experience in managing regional and/or international research projects.
  - Evidence of experience in stakeholder engagement / management particularly local communities.
  - Evidence of experience in policy drafting, analysis and implementation.
  - Evidence of experience in the development of business plans and/or strategies.
  - Evidence of experience in developing project proposals.
  - Evidence of experience in project management.
  - Knowledge of Future Earth and its priorities.
  - Composition of the Committee and Geographical representation.

Call Timelines
The key activities and timelines, to ensure effective implementation by the FEROSA Secretariat are outlined below:

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2 https://www.sadc.int/member-states/
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