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**Application for Organizational Membership to the Grassroots Global Justice Alliance**

**Name of Organization**

**Complete Address**

**Phone** **Twitter handle**

**Email** **Website**

**Primary contact** **e-mail**

**Alternate Contact** **e-mail**

1. **Organization’s Mission**
2. **Please list 3 issues that your organization works on**
3. **What is your organizational structure? (e.g. chapter based, coalition, network etc.)**
4. **How do you see political alignment between your organization and GGJ?**
5. **Is your organization a base building organization?**
6. **What is your organizational model for base building?**
7. **What role do members play in setting work priorities for your organization?**
8. **Please list all emails for members of your organization that we should add to the GGJ E-Bulletin list**

Dues are determined by the organization’s annual budget. Please make your check out to *Grassroots Global Justice,* and mail all forms and check to:

Grassroots Global Justice

7000 Carroll Ave, Suite 200

Takoma Park, MD 20912

1. $300k or less Contribute yearly dues of $250 Amount included:
2. $300k - $500k Contribute yearly dues of $250 - $500
3. $500k - $1,000,000 Contribute yearly dues of $500 - $750 $
4. $1 - $2,000,000 Contribute yearly dues of $750 - $1,000
5. $2,000,000+ Contribute yearly dues of $1,000 - $1,500

# Vision Statement

**Grassroots Global Justice** is an alliance of U.S.-based grassroots organizing (GRO) groups who are organizing to build an agenda for power for working and poor people. We understand that there are important connections between the local issues we work on and the global context, and we see ourselves as part of an international movement for global justice.

We believe that movement building is grounded in the development of grassroots organizations & leadership development to achieve local, national, and global justice.

We believe in building relationships of solidarity between and among organizations in the United States and across the world. We have much to learn from and share with our international allies.

We believe that as a US based organizations, we must be committed to building a strong enough movement to prevent the US government and US corporations from suppressing popular movements and interfering in the internal affairs of other countries.

We believe in creating opportunities for convergence that facilitate resource sharing, popular and political education, skill sharing and dialogue between organizations.

We believe in joint action, that acting together in the U.S. and globally we have more power to create social change.

We believe by working together – Another World is Possible, a world based on the principles of international solidarity, justice, peace, dignity, equality, human rights, sustainability and democracy!

GGJ focuses on bringing GRO organizations into a long-term process of relationship building, political alignment and the development of transformational leadership, particularly for working and poor women and gender-oppressed people of color. The membership of GGJ adopted a framework in 2011 that calls for a holistic approach to building grassroots global justice: No War, No Warming, Build an Economy for the People and the Planet, echoing the framework of Dr. Martin Luther King’s philosophy of the Triple Evils of Poverty, Racism and Militarism. We weave and bridge together US-based GRO groups and global social movements working for climate justice, an end to war, and a just transition to a feminist economy that is better for people and the planet.

#### Operating Principles of Grassroots Global Justice

We strive to:

* Achieve regional, sectoral and demographic diversity.
* Strengthen the work of member groups and be intentional about not competing for resources and develop mutual respect between our organizations.
* Operate according to transparent, democratic, collective bottom-up processes.
* Reflect a class, race, gender and global analysis.
* Develop grassroots leadership, especially among working class people, people of color, and **poor/low income** communities and support this leadership to be the voice for our movement.
* Strengthen the base building efforts of member organizations and those who support the vision of GGJ.
* Create a structure and process that promotes horizontal, non-hierarchical and participatory sharing of knowledge, resources, responsibilities and experiences.

Goals

1. Create a process/structure that promotes the sharing of resources and experiences in a participatory, less staff-intensive way.
2. Work toward creating a more cohesive grassroots movement for global justice in the U.S.
3. Develop a common identity that member groups see themselves as part of a collective movement.
4. Develop a collective platform/agenda informed by local experiences.
5. Strengthen local groups’ work.
6. Support local groups with training & resources.
7. Identify allies with Global South groups/movements and developing strategic relations.
8. Develop guiding principles for functioning of global campaigns based upon experiences.
9. Shift balance of power from big policy NGO’s to local grassroots groups.

#### Grassroots Global Justice Membership Criteria

Membership in Grassroots Global Justice is open to organizations that meet the following criteria:

1. Agreement with the Grassroots Global Justice Vision Statement and Operating Principles.
2. Are accountable to a membership or constituency (particularly worker-based organizations, community organizing organizations, student/youth organizations), especially those organizations representing or made-up of members that are most affected by problems and conditions created by corporate globalization (communities of color, low-income workers, poor communities, and youth).
3. Strategic direction of the organization is informed by the constituency.
4. Primary strategy is organizing.
5. Commitment to collective practice within and between organizations.
6. Priority will be given to organizations with a membership base who are:
	1. Comprised of communities most impacted (communities of color, low-income, poor communities, and youth)
	2. Involved integrally in decision-making for the organization
	3. The major source of leadership for the organization
	4. Brought into contact with one another as a regular part of the functioning of the organization
	5. Mobilized to achieve the goals of the organization

**Process to Apply for Membership**

1. The GGJ Coordinating committee members will nominate new members.
2. Organizations fill out an application for membership, indicating that they meet the membership criteria, provide information about their organization and indicate that a decision-making body of their organization has made an affirmative decision to join GGJ.
3. The GGJ Coordinating Committee approve applications for membership on a quarterly basis.

**Structure and Decision Making**

The Coordinating Committee (CC) is the decision-making body of GGJ and is elected at GGJ Membership Assemblies. The CC is committed to creating a structure where meetings of the entire membership are held and will participate in the decision-making process.

**Requirements of Member Organizations**

* Play an active role in a campaign or working group
* Pay annual dues (sliding scale according to budget size, see page 1)

**Benefits of Member Organizations**

* Participate in GGJ programs (delegations, trainings, membership calls, etc.)
* Access to stipends and resources for GGJ programs
* Promote local work nationally through GGJ strategic communications
* Participate and vote in working groups of the alliance
* Participate in activities of It Takes Roots (cross-alliance relationship between GGJ, Climate Justice Alliance, Indigenous Environmental Network and Right to the City Alliance)
* Attend, participate and vote at Membership Assemblies
* Run for elected positions on the Coordinating Committee
* Connect with Resource Allies