

Candidacy WMPA to be president of the committee :
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Candidate: Mayfereen (India)

• *Organization* : Grassroot

• *Personal experience on the issue* :

I have been working against uranium mining in the state of Meghalaya for the past 4 years and continuing. Campaign with like-minded individuals, groups in and around India and the world. We/am more than willing to associate with more people that can support to stop mining in the state and around the world.

Community tourism is one of the opportunities that mountain people will miss if we do not do anything about it, since tourism potentiality of one's own place is mostly exploited by those outside the area: the result for local populations is then mainly a threat to their culture and resources. It is with that in mind that, as an organisation, Grassroots, an NGO I co-founded, is working at building awareness amongst community people to better preserve and display the place in the best befitting way and empower them to master and exploit their touristic resources. Tourism can be a boon or a bane if the locals are not taking advantage of what is in front of them. Tapping this resource should and must be our main objective.

<i>Program for action you planned for the thematic group</i>	<i>Expected years of implementation/completion</i>
1. - Build a WMPA network for each one of the two topics in order to identify the concerned mountain regions and stake holders and compile the already identified particularities and issues of each and every of these.	2011-2012
2. - In all the areas, have community based discussions in all concerned areas - With mining affected areas - On identification of eco-tourism potentialities In order to: - Enhance the awareness of the local stakeholders - Identify actions to be taken - Build the communities' ability to take the responsibility of these actions	May 2011- March 2012
3. - Organise meetings (whether by e.conference or actual get-togethers) with the stakeholders of the	October 2011-december 2012

<p>different mountain areas of the world in order to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exchange knowledge and knowhow - Identify the actions to be taken at all levels and the ways to fund them. <p>4. - Outside information of specific conditions of mountain areas (specifically about the spoliation of their resources by states or multinationals)</p> <p>5. - Campaigns and advocacy for preservation of this resource.</p>	<p>July 2011-september 2011</p>
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• *How do you plan to do the animation of the thematic group?*

At the international level, we shall use the communication facilities provided by WMPA Intranet, Internet and newsletter. We shall motivate the stakeholders to document the situation of their areas clarifying the issues and looking for convergences between the regions. We will avail the Board meetings to inform other WMPA members of our actions and our needs of support and actions.

At the local levels we shall promote the use of:

- + Theatre
 - “Theatre of the Oppressed” (i.e. the writing with the concerned populations of specific plays depicting their own situations and the exploration with the spectators, during the performance of alternative concrete and realistic actions
 - Street plays
- + Posters
- + Television displays
- + Pamphlets

Je propose, pour ce groupe, de le diviser en sous-thème (1. projets miniers, 2. Accaparement des terres, 3. Barrages, 4. Tourisme de masse), avec une personne responsable de chaque sous-thème.

• *Which support do you expect from the technical committee ?*

To continue support thus bringing the level to the international forum for exchange of expertise discussions and further advocacy if required.

A close follow up of the working of the group

The connection and coordination with other thematic groups when common actions can be taken and/or support has to be provided

• *How do you plan to internationalize the work of the thematic group ?*

- Networking with like-minded groups and countries.
- Participating to International conferences and World forums on the concerned issues
- Acting as a counter power to multinationals

- *Do you have key persons, specialists of the issue, you plan to work with ?*

The key people are those at the community level. For example; traditional heads, women's groups, youths and political head at the decision making body.

Projected budget:

<i>Type of expense</i>	<i>Amount Indian Rupees</i>
Printing of Posters, pamphlets	30 000
meetings	50 000
campaigns	100 000
research	100 000
Administration	80 000
misc	50 000
Total	410 000

<i>Type of takings/source of funds</i>	<i>Amount Indian Rupees</i>
Fund raising	30 000
Government welfare departments	50 000
Funding agencies	100 000
Scholarships	100 000
Fund raising	80 000
WMPA	50 000
Total:	410 000

This budget is meant only for the action in Himalaya, specific budgets will have to work in all the other mountain areas by the concerned stakeholders, once the network is build.

Tentatively we shall estimate it at **3 000 €**