

## **Pilot call for collaborative political ecology cartography**

### **Small sub-contracts scheme to use mapping tools for Environmental Justice related campaigns**

**Presentation deadline:** August 31th, 2016 (Sunday)

**Resolution:** September 12, 2016.

This call is intended to foster collaborations between activists (NGOs, think tanks, social movements, or community grassroots organisations, etc.) and the Global Atlas of Environmental Justice project ([ejatlas.org](http://ejatlas.org)). The aim is to support action-research on environmental justice and campaigns or ongoing work in the field, and create public and educational materials dedicated to documenting and unveiling processes of destructive extractivism and dispossession.

#### **About the EJATLAS and ACKnowl-EJ project:**

The [EJAtlas](#) is an online database and interactive map that documents socio-environmental conflicts, defined as mobilizations by local communities against particular economic activities whereby environmental impacts are a key element of their grievances. It is based on the work of hundreds of collaborators, from the academy, concerned citizens, informal committees, NGOs and other activist groups, who have been documenting environmental and social injustice and supporting communities on the ground for years. It's been mainly developed under [EJOLT](#), a research project coordinated at ICTA - UAB, and will now continue under the ACKnowl-EJ international project.

The [ACKnowl-EJ](#) project (Academic-Activist Co-Produced Knowledge for Environmental Justice) builds on and broadens the Atlas of Environmental Justice. This project emphasizes the transformative potential of citizen movements, 'participatory' approaches to environmental politics, and new institutional practices born from diverse knowledge systems, showing how alternatives are often born from resistance. ACKnowl-EJ is a 3 year project funded by the International Social Science Council, coordinated by the [Institute of Sciences and Technologies](#) of the Autonomous University of Barcelona (Dr. Leah Temper) and [Kalpavriksh action group](#) from India (Ashish Kothari).

This call aims to expand the EJATLAS and foster the development of powerful featured maps (see for instance the featured map on [Mining Conflicts in Latin America](#), to support the international day against [Chevron Texaco](#) or to denounce the [expansion of fracking](#)). It aims to engage in further experimentation on collaborative research and co-production of knowledge for social change.

#### **Objective of the call:**

- Foster ongoing or upcoming Environmental Justice (EJ) related campaigns worldwide and contribute to their visibility
- Contribute to improve the coverage of the EJAtlas geographically and thematically
- Design Featured Maps to support EJ related campaign. The EJAtlas and Acknowl-EJ project will offer support to technically develop them and to disseminate the work developed under this call.

#### **What are the small projects about:**

- Adding cases to the EJAtlas to complete a specific database and create new Featured Maps (see the EJATLAS database form)

- Producing relevant featured maps.
- Designing original Featured Maps and searching for relevant GIS data, stories, images or infographics to display on the map.
- Presenting a plan for research, dissemination, campaigning with the produced map
- The project must be completed before December 2016.
- **2-4 Small contracts of between 1000-1500 euros will be granted in this round.** The amount of the contract will vary according to the proposed project.

#### **Who can present a proposal?**

- This call is meant for civil society organizations and networks that work on Environmental Justice related struggles around the world.
- Organizations from any country are invited to present a small project.
- Applicants must be able to issue an invoice.
- Proposals can be submitted and developed in English and/or Spanish. Other languages can be considered, but will need to be translated to English or Spanish.

#### **How can you apply?**

Please send your application to [ejoltmap@gmail.com](mailto:ejoltmap@gmail.com) with the subject “political ecology cartography” and the following documents:

- Application Form with information on your organization and the project proposed.
- (Optional) Share similar maps or campaigns you have worked in in the past highlighting the successful aspects in terms of visibility and/or collaborative process.

#### **Criteria to assess projects**

While projects that cover any EJ related issue or regions of the World can be presented we will particularly value proposals that :

- Expand and improve the EJAtlas in those issues and areas that are currently under represented or absent or come from applicants from under-represented groups, regions, countries and institutions.
- Enhance a collaborative bottom-up process of data collection.
- Aid new or ongoing EJ campaigns and work.
- Propose an outcome that is creative, original and politically powerful/robust.
- Is relevant.

#### **Call timeline**

The deadline to present proposals is August 31, 2016.

On September 12 awarded organizations will be contacted.

Projects must be finalized before the end of December 2016.

## Application Form

### Information of applicant/s & contact person

Name of applicant:

Is it an NGO ( ), network ( ), other ( ), please describe which other:

Can your organization issue invoices? (Note that we need an invoice from your organization to fund your project)

Data of your organization:

Full Address:

Country:

Phone number:

Fax number:

Organization Email (s):

Website:

Facebook or other media platforms:

Name of contact person:

Personal phone number:

Personal email(s):

Name of other organizations/networks that would be involved (if it applies):

**Please describe the work of your organization/ network and its relation to Environmental Justice issues (max 500 words)**

**Previous collaboration with EJAtlas**

Have you collaborated with the EJOLT project or EJAtlas in the past (explain how, if you have)? Have you already filed cases in the EJAtlas (explain, if you have)? (max 200w)

**EJ campaign/work in the context of which the project is proposed**

*Please address these questions:*

Which is the ongoing campaign/work in the context of which you would like to develop the project?

In which language(s) are you campaigning?

What type of process/struggles would you like to map?

Have you used maps in your campaigns in the past? (please share links or documents to illustrate). How were they useful? What aspects you aim to strengthen or improve?

(max 1000 words)

**Role of the mapping process in your ongoing campaign.**

*Please address these questions:*

How would your proposal contribute to your ongoing work?

Please explain if there is a particular momentum or process you would like to influence.

Please communicate specific deadlines, if any.

Please tell us about the cases you would like to map (issue, location, etc)?

What type of featured map are you envisioning? (describe how you would like it to be, you can link to other existing maps produced or not in the context of the EJAtlas if you wish)

(max 1000w)

**Describe your work plan (timeline, activities and expected launch date).**

Include:

- Number of cases you would like to add to the EJATLAS (please include tentative list)
- Timeline to produce the featured map(s).
- If there is a particular event, date where you would like to launch the featured map.

**Justify the relevance and originality of the project. (max 500w)**

**Budget**

Brief description of the budget