



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Host or support the Global Land Programme International Programme Office

Beginning in 2027

The [Global Land Programme](#) (GLP) is an international research network for land system science. For more than 20 years, GLP has advanced understanding of land as a coupled human–environment system and supported research and action toward sustainable and just land systems. Today, GLP connects more than 3,000 members in over 110 countries through working groups, nodal offices, an early-career network, open science meetings, synthesis activities, and partnerships at the science–policy–practice interface. GLP is a Global Research Network (GRN) of [Future Earth](#).

Following the conclusion of current U.S.-based grant support amid major changes in U.S. government funding priorities, the GLP Scientific Steering Committee invites expressions of interest from institutions or consortia anywhere in the world to host or contribute to the next phase of the GLP International Programme Office (IPO). Universities, research institutes, academies, international organizations, funders, and other mission-aligned organizations are welcome to apply.

GLP remains fully open to a comprehensive hosting arrangement, as established in Switzerland in 2016 and the United States in 2023. We also welcome joint, distributed, or partial expressions of interest. An institution may, for example, support a particular staff position or percentage of a position, provide a regional or functional hub, contribute administrative or digital infrastructure, or fund specific operating costs. GLP may combine complementary offers from multiple institutions into a distributed IPO model.

The ideal host or partner will have an international profile in land system, sustainability, or related human–environment research and a strong commitment to international scientific collaboration. Hosting or supporting the IPO offers an opportunity to assume a visible leadership role in the global land system science community, strengthen international partnerships, and help shape emerging scientific priorities. In return, participating institutions must commit meaningful financial, staffing, infrastructure, or in-kind resources to coordinate the GLP community.

Role of the IPO

Working closely with the GLP Scientific Steering Committee (SSC), the IPO provides the coordination and institutional backbone for the international network. Its principal responsibilities include:

- strategic and operational leadership, fundraising, partnerships, and external representation;
- support for the Scientific Steering Committee and GLP governance;
- coordination of working groups, nodal offices, fellows, early-career activities, and network membership;
- organization of GLP's Open Science Meeting (OSM), Week of Land System Science, and other convenings;
- scientific synthesis, data-enabled collaboration, and science–policy and science-to-action activities; and
- communications, membership systems, digital platforms, and core administration.

Indicative staffing and support

A fully supported IPO would ideally provide four complementary core functions, although titles, appointment structures, and the distribution of roles/FTE may vary:

1. **Executive Director / Executive Officer:** strategic leadership; fundraising and partnerships; SSC and Future Earth relations; staff and financial oversight; and external representation.
2. **Network and Programme Manager:** network coordination; working groups and nodal offices; events; communications; membership systems; and day-to-day programme management.
3. **Senior Science–Policy, Data and Synthesis Lead:** an assistant-professor-level or equivalent role leading synthesis, data-enabled initiatives, science–policy and science-to-action work, and substantive programme and proposal development.
4. **Conference Organizer:** Part-time, contracted for 18-month lead up to each GLP-OSM, next programmed for 2028.

Additional contributions may include communications and administrative staff, grants management, IT and digital services, office space, travel and convening funds, support for working groups and regional activities, or other financial and in-kind resources. However, there is flexibility in these arrangements. Leaner versions of the IPO have operated with an SSC co-chair allocating some level of effort to direct and oversee operations, with a majority of the funding allocated to a joint science lead and network manager.

What to include

Interested institutions are asked to submit a concise expression of interest of approximately three pages describing:

- the institution or consortium and its alignment with GLP’s mission;
- the proposed form of support—comprehensive host, joint or distributed office, staffing or functional contribution, regional or thematic hub, or financial/in-kind partnership;
- the staff, funding level, infrastructure, services, and likely duration of the commitment;
- the proposed institutional home, start date, proposed duration, lead contact; and
- the mutual benefits for GLP and the participating institution(s).

Hosting commitments are normally expected to cover at least four years, with a possibility for renewal. Partial or staged contributions may be proposed for shorter periods. Early-stage expressions are welcome, and institutions considering a partial contribution or seeking partners for a joint proposal are encouraged to contact GLP before submitting.

Submission and selection

Expressions of interest are requested by November 1st and should be sent to admin@glp.earth with the subject line “GLP IPO Expression of Interest – [Institution name].”

The GLP Scientific Steering Committee will assess expressions based on mission alignment, institutional commitment, leadership and operational capacity, financial feasibility and durability, international and inclusive orientation, and the potential benefits for GLP and the host or partner. Shortlisted institutions may be invited to discuss or develop a fuller proposal. Where appropriate, GLP may facilitate discussions among institutions offering complementary forms of support.