

2023 Call for Ideas and Suggestions on ANSO Training

1. Introduction

The Alliance of International Science Organizations (ANSO) is a non-profit and non-governmental international scientific organization founded in 2018 by 37 international science and education institutions from around the world, and it now has 67 member organizations from 48 countries and regions. ANSO catalyzes and implements a series of projects and activities in Science, Technology, Innovation and Capacity Building (STIC) to tackle with major global environmental challenges and to help advance the UN SDGs under the principles of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits.

The ANSO training program is aligned to the needs of the regional and local science and technology advancement, especially basic and applied sciences to support green and sustainable development. ANSO training program, at the current stage, gives high emphasis on collaboration, networking and capacity building around common S&T challenges and concerns. Featured training will prioritize the common needs of ANSO members. Your ideas and suggestions will be of great importance to all members.

Here is the guideline for ANSO call for training projects in 2023, by which, we intend to seek good ideas, suggestions and proposals from our member institutions and partners that are easily operated and implemented.

2. Priority Areas

We highly encourage training program ideas and proposals focusing on the following issues.

- 1) **Environmental Changes:** key regional and global environmental challenges, such as Climate Change & Adaptation, Water/Land Resources, Urbanization, Land Degradation, Biodiversity Decline, Endangered Species, Ecosystem Services, and Ecological Security, etc.
- 2) **Public Health:** research and technology related to infectious diseases; impacts of the pandemic on the achievement of the UN SDGs, especially on Poverty, Hunger, Water and Sanitation, etc.
- 3) **Agriculture and Food Security:** issues of great significance for sustainable agriculture such as Extreme Weather, Prediction and Prevention of Flood, Drought, Landslide and Debris Flow and other Natural Hazards; Food Productivity Monitoring and Assessing; Hybrid Technologies in Agriculture, etc.
- 4) **Green Technology:** innovative technologies and tech-transfer in the areas of high relevance to livelihood, such as Clean Water & Water Saving; Clean Energy; Circular Economy; Environmental Protection; Decarbonization and Net-zero Carbon Emission, etc.

3. Principles and Advice

- 1) Only researchers from ANSO member organizations (see Attachment 2 for reference) are eligible to apply for the Training Project as a Principal Investigator (PI).
- 2) The team members (including the PI) should be from at least two

ANSO member organizations of different countries. A team member from China is highly recommended.

- 3) The project should involve participants/trainees from no less than three countries (not necessary from ANSO member countries).
- 4) If you are currently working on an ANSO project as a PI, you cannot re-apply as a PI; if you are working on 3 or more ANSO projects as a collaborator, you cannot work on any other ANSO projects.
- 5) Please fill up the application form (Attachment 1) for follow-up communication and discussion.
- 6) The deadline for submission is April 30th, 2023.

4. Funding

- 1) Around 20,000-30,000 USD per project from ANSO.
- 2) Executive period: 1-2 years.
- 3) In-kind funding and contribution from other resources are highly welcomed and appreciated.

5. Contact

Please send the completed forms to ANSO Secretariat at training@anso.org.cn. If you have any questions and inquiry, please contact us by the above email at any time for more information.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Where the funds will be transferred to?
The grant will be transferred to the account of the PI's organization.
2. If the researchers are not from ANSO member countries, can he/she be involved in the project?
Yes.
3. Can NGOs be involved as collaborators?
Yes. NGOs can be involved as collaborators as well.
4. Is there any age limit for the applicants?
No. There is no age limit for the applicants.
5. Can I submit more than one proposal for the Training Project?
No. One principal investigator can submit only one proposal.
6. Can I apply both the ANSO Collaborative Research and ANSO Training project?
No. A principal investigator can choose either the Collaborative Research or Training project to apply, but cannot apply both for the same year.