

## Overall Mandate of the Internationalist Solidarity Team (IST) :

Making space within XR for Global South and Global North activists to work and organise equitably together as equals to facilitate collaboration and joint-action between Extinction Rebellion and grassroots Communities of Resistance in the Global South in order to harmonise and strengthen these global movements for Environmental and Social Justice, or Global Justice for All; this team must be led by Global South Community Activists, with Global North activists taking on support roles, and consulting Global South Activists on any IST decision-making.

These roles below are rotational and flexible to an extent?

Coordinators: Kofi, Farhana and Jamie

Budget team: Mawuse and Nils

Admin: fe

## Work around Media and Messaging:

Coordinating with XR Media and Messaging Team, creating platforms for Global South activists to give interviews with the media, give speeches at events, and write articles or new open letters, if they want to; amplifying, publicising and explaining their voices, their resistance and action to end the genocide and the ecocide; communicating how resistance to colonialism, imperialism, and white-supremacy racism can all be linked with action to end the ecological crisis and with the work of XR, which can also obviously be linked with Reparations movements in that they're all about repairing harm. An agreement will be made with the XR Media and Messaging team on what percentage of XR social media and other media IST can use or have access to (a formal decision hasn't been made on this yet?).

## Work around Outreach and Trainings:

Communicating with people within and outside of XR :

- what Global North activists (and others in North) have to learn from Global South resistance and action,
- how best to engage with Global South Communities of Resistance for equitable and effective collaborative action,
- how people in the Global South who are taking any action to rebel against the systems and structures that cause the ecocide and genocide, are risking being murdered by colonialist/imperialist forces, and how impoverishment, and other forms of oppression and enslavement (as well as violent repression) of Global South and diaspora Communities of Resistance also make it impossible for many people to take the kinds of action which Global

North activists have the privilege of taking with XR, or to commit as much time and energy as Global North activists may have the privilege of committing to XR work; a diversity of tactics and roles other than being arrested/imprisoned need to be acknowledged and created,

- other related issues, like decolonisation...

## Security

We have a duty here in the Global North to provide any security we can to Global South activists who are risking being murdered due to how they're taking action with XR or relevant to XR. One of the main ways in which we can increase security for them is by making their names, profiles, resistance and voices very visible in international (social) media (and consequently making our connection with them very visible). We need to work with the Media and Messaging Team to do this, and take other necessary steps to increase their security; coordinating with actions of Global South Communities of Resistance and supporting that resistance and rebellion in the Global South as part of XR/our own.

## Checking who we work with / Group Agreement:

IST can only work with genuinely grassroots Global South Community Activist groups (who are working in the direct interests of their communities, not working in the interests of colonialist forces like certain NGOs, or receiving significant funding from them), who are doing work relevant to XR, who are willing and keen to connect their rebellion with that of other grassroots Communities of Resistance in the Global South (obviously as well as with XR). The same applies to Global North Activists who want to work with IST, who must show understanding of issues raised in this and the longer draft of an IST mandate and working principles?

## Funding and Resource distribution

At the moment the proposal is for half of the 20% of XR crowd funding, which is set aside for the International Support / Expansion team, to go to IST work (so 10% of XR funding?) (This amount could grow?). The team looking after the budget should have at least one Global South activist in it.

Obviously funding should be dispersed according to what Global South Communities of Resistance request and say is most useful to them in their resistance and action with XR. Ideally funding should be provided for communities to invest projects that will enable them to generate their own income to fund more future action and resistance, to avoid

tactics of certain NGOs of keeping people dependent on funding from them, and to prevent people from having to wait for funding every time they want to take any action.

### Work with Arts team:

Working on new designs for XR banners, posters, flyers and stickers for XR that include the voices of Global South Communities of Resistance. XR does not wish to impose its “brand” on other struggles. It may be, for example, that printed materials and online materials that are shared with some unity make reference to XR or use a small logo where appropriate, but the “branding” from other groups remains and takes precedence.

### Mandate improvement:

This mandate can be worked on, updated or added to by Global South Community activists, so they can form a harmonised, integrated, internationalist position, vision and voice on how they want to work together, organise and take action with XR.

### Strategy - working with XR strategy team...

Showing how internationalist solidarity is a strategic matter that should permeate and be part of all that XR does; to make sure that Global South activists who've joined XR can be part of XR decision-making and strategy/action-planning on equal terms, not merely be guests; this rebellion obviously can't consist in 'white saviours' or 'white do-gooders' trying to save the world for all other people.

'Extinction Rebellion Internationalist Solidarity Team Work: A Rationale Statement' can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EcN9JdYg37UyUwQwdLREx-eoQCbT-lhQxir9CoovU/edit?usp=sharing>