

Job opening: bilaterals.org and ISDS platform shared coordinator

Starting date: as soon as possible

bilaterals.org and a new ISDS (investor-state dispute settlement) platform to be hosted at bilaterals.org seek to hire a coordinator for their work. This is a great opportunity for someone interested in working on a full-time, paid basis to support people's struggles against so-called free trade and investment deals globally, through a job share for two separate but complementary projects.

- **bilaterals.org** is an open publishing website that tracks and aggregates news and analysis about bilateral free trade and investment treaty negotiations, and peoples' struggles against them. It serves as a permanent trilingual clearinghouse on these issues. It is a tool for campaigners, activists and researchers. It was set up in 2004 as a collaborative project and is run by a small international team.¹ The site is updated daily and accompanied by a weekly newsletter, a Twitter feed and a Facebook page.
- The **ISDS platform** is being set up now by an independent collective and will be hosted at bilaterals.org.² The platform aims to serve as a repository of campaign materials, news, analysis and documents to support campaigning to stop the spread, and roll back the investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) regime. The goal of this platform is to pull together information about the ISDS regime that is relevant to movements working on other issues, and to share information and analysis across regions.

The work to be done for bilaterals.org (3-4 days a week)

- research, monitor and upload articles on a daily basis
- write and commission introductory texts for the site, keeping them up to date and relevant
- organise translations, and work with volunteer translators
- do outreach and networking with social movements around the world
- work with the site developer on technical improvements
- facilitate internal communications and workflow of the bilaterals.org team

The work to be done for the ISDS platform (1-2 days a week)

- research, monitor and upload articles on a daily basis
- keep the site's own texts up to date and useful
- organise translations
- do outreach and networking with investment campaigners around the world
- work with the site developer on technical improvements
- facilitate internal communications and workflow of the ISDS platform team

Requirements

- good knowledge of FTA and investment treaty politics around the world
- political affinity with the positions and critical thinking of the bilaterals.org team
- ability to work in English, French and Spanish
- passion to serve social movements fighting FTAs, BITs and ISDS mechanisms through

1 bilaterals.org was initiated by the Asia-Pacific Research Network, Global Justice Ecology Project, GATT Watchdog New Zealand, GRAIN, IBON Foundation and XminY. The people maintaining it daily are working from Argentina, Canada, France and the Philippines.

2 The ISDS platform is being set up through a collaboration between several groups campaigning on investment from around the globe.

information and communication tools

- good at working in international activist teams
- ability to work autonomously, with minimal supervision

Because of the nature of the work and our team, we prefer someone based in the global South, and we presently have more need for English and French skills than Spanish.

Terms

- Initial one-year contract, with six-month probation; possibility of a longer term position
- The work can be done from anywhere in the world, provided you have a good internet connection and computer
- Initial training and supervision will be provided by bilaterals.org
- Starting date: as soon as possible, based on mutual agreement

Please send your CV and a letter explaining your experience and motivation for applying for this job, both in English, to bilaterals.org.job@gmail.com. Please include contact details for three references. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by 15 September 2015.

Thank you for sharing this notice in your networks!