**Motivation Letter to join the Future Earth Coasts Fellow**

***Priority Impact Area – Human Development and Coasts***

***Areas of Expertise – Climate Change, Capacity Development, Governance and Science to Policy***

Greetings from Central University of Himachal Pradesh, India!

This is regarding my submission of Expression of Interest to join the Future Earth Coasts as Fellow for the priority impact area – Human Development and Coasts – in the areas of expertise – Climate Change, Capacity Development, Governance and Science to Policy.

With a background in health communication, governance and policy studies, my research revolves around the policy dynamics of cross-cutting societal issues, particularly how governments across the world address climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation. My recent studies looks into the expanded role of communication outreach in increasing the ability of local communities to engage them in advocacy and policy issues related to climate resilience, access to essential energy and maintaining the local biodiversity.

I would like to join the Future Earth Coasts as Fellow as I strongly believe that there is a difference in the frequency and coverage of the issue especially energy justice, climate change and health and these differences are prevalent in the context of different regions. The differences are mainly in terms of policies, research and communication and it was observed a global imbalance.

My important research concerns are the macro and micro-level interventions such as the political and economic contexts of the region, the commitment of the governance for energy justice and climate actions in terms of policies and response strategies both at national and regional level.

My association with Future Earth Coasts as a Fellow will help me to focus on creating scientific literature focusing on regional information need and associated issues, especially in the Asian region. It is also a time to look into shifting the focus from denial and despair to action rather than on the solutions to social issues and ways to adapt to its effects in the way they were reported.

I believe that there is a need for a larger connection in peoples’ minds and to share the voices and concerns of the marginalized, most vulnerable people who have contributed least to the problem but are suffering most from its impact. The challenge of access to information is two-fold: first, presents information valid in scientific scrutiny and second, it has to understand how and in what ways vulnerable communities adapt to the impacts of changes.

# I do believe that with the help of Future Earth Coasts, as a Fellow, I will play a role in empowering communities to make informed choices and to react timely to the ecological and social changes. I hope that in coming time the group will help scientists, policy makers and civil society to have more insights on how information environment is shaped by the community power dynamics and its influence.

My association with Future Earth Coasts will help me to understand the problem of climate change in terms of the complex nature of policy and governance as it continues to shift towards new dimensions. I would like to look into how capacity building will help the climate activists and practitioners to develop their capacity in addressing climate change with the right information at the right time to ensure greater participation of common people.

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