**SAALT IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A CALL FOR COMMUNITY PROPOSALS FOR THE**

***NATIONAL SOUTH ASIAN SUMMIT 2017***

**DEADLINE: February 24, 2017**

The *National South Asian Summit 2017* will convene South Asian organizations, advocates, and allies from across the U.S. on **April 21-24, 2017** in Washington, D.C. The 2017 Summit will be the **10-year anniversary** for this epic gathering, and will provide an opportunity to build skills that will deepen your organization’s work and your individual leadership, connect with government officials and congressional offices, expand your networks, and strategize with diverse leaders, advocates, and allies to demand justice, create change, and claim our power through collective action.

This year’s theme is in response to the rise in hate violence, xenophobic political rhetoric, and anti-immigrant sentiments that have escalated to unprecedented levels. These challenges facing our communities continue to grow. In response, our communities must be **United for Action.**

**United for Action**

***Strength· Resilience ·Accountability***

Summit 2017 sessions—reflecting a variety of formats, including workshops, panels, plenaries, screenings and discussion groups, etc.—will take place on **Saturday, April 22, 2017** and **Sunday, April 24, 2017** at Trinity Washington University. SAALT is committed to reflecting the interests and ideas of community members to help ensure engaging, relevant content. We are encouraging individuals and organizations to submit ideas for consideration.

Session topics may include:

* Current issues affecting South Asians in the U.S., such as immigration, national security, racial and religious profiling, hate crimes, biased-based bullying, gender justice, LGBTQ justice, health, civic engagement, xenophobic rhetoric in public discourse, etc.
* Skills-building and resource-building around approaches to social change, such as advocacy, community organizing, community mobilization, storytelling, partnerships and coalition-building, and direct services.
* State and local advocacy, such as local campaign development, strategies for engagement with service organizations, etc.
* Individual and organizational leadership development
* Organizational capacity building and infrastructure building skills and topics, such as funding, board development, volunteer management, etc.

All sessions will be **75minutes**. The deadline for proposals is **February 24, 2017**.

Due to limited space in the Summit 2017 schedule, it will not be possible to incorporate every submitted proposal. We encourage you to be creative! A review team will assess all submissions and work to identify a balance of offerings for the Summit 2017 agenda. SAALT will reach out to individuals and organizations that are selected by the end of February.

For information about Summit 2017, please visit [www.saalt.org/programs/south-asian-summit/](http://www.saalt.org/programs/south-asian-summit/).

Please submit all proposals and direct all questions to summit@saalt.org.

*The* National South Asian Summit 2017 *is hosted by South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)*

**INSTRUCTIONS**

* In the Word version of the application, please complete the following information by placing your cursor in the grey cell beneath each field and typing your responses.
* For proposals involving co-facilitation, panels, or collaboration, only the primary contact (primary presenter/facilitator) needs to submit a proposal.
* Priority consideration will be given to clear, concise, and fully completed proposal ideas that reflect the Summit 2017 theme and topic areas and are submitted by the deadline.
* All sessions will have access to projector, screen, and Wi-Fi upon request.

*Please note that sessions will take place on April 22-23, 2017 and by submitting a proposal you are confirming that, if selected, you are available to conduct your session on either day.*

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| **Session role of primary contact** *(Indicate one)* |
| Facilitator/Presenter | Panel moderator | Panelist | Other: |  |

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| **Session Proposal** |
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| **Session format** *(Indicate one)* |
| Panel | Workshop | Screening and discussion | Other: |  |
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| **Session focus** *(You may indicate more than one, but each must be robustly reflected in your session)* |
| Issues | Strategies/Approaches to work | Capacity building and infrastructure building | Leadership development |
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| **Target audience** | **Maximum # of participants** |
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| **Session goals** *(Please describe 3-5 specific goals for your session)* |
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| **Session summary** *(As it will appear in Summit documents, if selected—150 word maximum)* |
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| **Session agenda outline** *(Please provide a detailed outline of your 75-minute agenda. Your agenda should reflect specific ways in which your session will be achieve your session goals, as well as be engaging or interactive.)* |
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| **Vision statement** *(SAALT will receive many proposals around a variety of topics. Many of the proposals will address similar topics. Please share why your proposal idea and approach are relevant and unique, speaks to this year’s theme and other requirements, and should be included in the Summit 2017 agenda.)* |
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**Partners and Collaborators**

* Please provide information for your co-facilitators (if any) OR panel moderator and panelists. If you indicated yourself as a facilitator/presenter or moderator/panelist in the primary contact section above, you do not need to place your information here.
* Due to the session time limitation, panels should include no more than 3-4 panelists plus 1 moderator. The moderator should not serve as an additional panelist.
* Though helpful, panel proposals are not required to confirm all panelists in this proposal, but should provide strong ideas for panelists that reflect your goals, summary, and outline.

**Co-presenter(s)/Co-facilitator(s)**

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**Panels**

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