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| **Call for Expressions of Interest**  **to host a regional presence of the ISC Global Secretariat**  October 2020  The International Science Council (ISC) has developed a strategy “[Towards a future regional presence for the ISC](https://council.science/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Towards-a-Future-presence-for-the-ISC-Strategy.pdf)” for building a globally distributed and coordinated Secretariat that is headquartered in Paris and has strong presence and capacity in different regions of the world.  The strategy is intended to be fully operationalized by January 2022, with initial priority given to securing an effective ISC presence in   * **Africa** (where support arrangements for the ISC’s existing Regional Office, based in South Africa, end on 31 March 2021); * **Latin America and the Caribbean** (where the Regional Office, based in El Salvador, was closed by a decision of the El Salvadorian government on 31 December 2019); and * **Asia and the Pacific** (where current support arrangements for the Regional Office, based in Malaysia, extend to 18 September 2021).   Successful implementation of the strategy will depend on the support of ISC members and those organizations that support them and that share their commitment to the Council’s vision of advancing science as a global public good and its mission to be the global voice for science. **The ISC Governing Board therefore invites expressions of interest from its members in the abovementioned regions to work with the Board on establishing and hosting a regional ISC secretariat structure – either an ISC Branch or a Champion – in line with the options and requirements set out in the strategy document**.  The call for expressions of interest provides ISC members with an opportunity to indicate their preparedness to invest the effort and resource required to host an ISC regional structure, and to provide essential information on their ideas and capacities, as well as any constraints on their actions. The ISC Governing Board recognizes that expressions of interest are not binding, but are a basis for discussion with ISC members about their ideas and capacities for developing an ISC regional structure.  All expressions of interest will be reviewed by the ISC Governing Board as a basis for bilateral discussions and negotiations with selected members, which will be led by the ISC Officers and CEO. The launch of new regional ISC secretariat structures will be negotiated on a case by case basis. In the case of Africa and Asia and the Pacific, new structures will not be launched before the conclusion of existing hosting agreements.  **Expressions of interest can be submitted by any member in good standing, either** [**via the online form**](https://council.science/current/news/call-regional-presence/) **(OPTION 1) or by completing this form offline and uploading it** [**online**](https://council.science/current/news/call-regional-presence/) **under OPTION 2.**  **Submission deadlines are as follows:**   * **For Africa: 10 December 2020** * **For Latin America and the Caribbean: 10 December 2020** * **For Asia and the Pacific: 15 May 2021**   Any questions of clarification or further enquiries about the call should be directed to [Anne Thieme](mailto:anne.thieme@council.science). |

**Please submit your expression of interest to host a regional presence of the ISC Global Secretariat** **by completing this form and uploading it** [**online**](https://council.science/current/news/call-regional-presence/) **under “OPTION 2”.**

**Section 1. Contact details of the person submitting this expression of interest**

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| **First name, last name** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Telephone number** |  |
| **Organization** |  |
| **Position within the organization** |  |
| **Are you the main contact person for the proposed host organization?** | Yes (please continue with Section 3.)  No (please continue with Section 2.) |

**Section 2. Contact details of the person who will be the main contact at the proposed host organization**

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| **First name, last name** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
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**Section 3. Proposed hosting arrangements**

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| **Name of proposed host organization** |  |
| **Is the proposed host organization currently a member of the ISC?** | Yes  No |
| **Which type of regional structure would the organization propose to host?** | Regional Champion  Regional Branch |
| **Where would the proposed ISC branch or champion be located?** | *Name of the institution, city, country* |
| **Which region would the proposed ISC branch or champion serve?** | Africa  Asia and the Pacific  Latin America and the Caribbean  Other, please specify (for example, a sub-regional focus): |
| **Expected duration of the proposed hosting arrangement** | Three years  Five years |
| **Earliest operational starting date** |  |
| **Would the host organization be interested in partnering with (an)other organization(s) in the region for purposes of supporting an ISC regional (or sub-regional) structure?** | No  Maybe  Yes |
| **If ticked “Yes” or “Maybe”, please share your thoughts on the possibility of partnering with one or more organization(s) in the region for purposes of supporting an ISC regional (or sub-regional) structure.** |  |

**Section 4. Motivation**

**Please provide information on the principal reasons for the organization’s motivation to host a regional structure of the ISC Global Secretariat. Please also indicate the organization's capacity, experience and track record in supporting and/or managing international initiatives.**

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### **Section 5. Envisaged opportunities and challenges**

**Please share your organization’s ideas about the opportunities and challenges associated with hosting a regional ISC structure, and about how your organization would propose to respond to them.**

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### **Section 6. Resources**

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| **Name(s) of the organization(s) expected to provide funding.** |  |
| **Estimated annual budget for the regional structure (in EURO).** |  |

**Referring to Section 6. of the** [**Regional Strategy**](https://council.science/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Towards-a-Future-presence-for-the-ISC-Strategy.pdf) **("Operational models: Regional Branches and Regional Champions") please provide more information on the level of secured funding and/or the process required to secure funding, and the kind of resources you would be able to make available (for example: Positions/staffing arrangements; support for essential operations, including travel; office, infrastructural and IT support; support for activities; other in-kind support).**

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### **Section 7. Further relevant information**

**Please provide information on any institutional rules and/or legal conditions that would apply to the hosting of an ISC regional structure.**

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**Please provide any further comments that you feel are relevant to your expression of interest.**

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Thank you for your interest in hosting an ISC regional structure