



International Science Council

Global Knowledge Dialogue: Latin America and the Caribbean

In a world faced with complex global challenges, from climate change to pandemic response, the demand – and the potential – for science to provide actionable, solutions-orientated knowledge that can inform transformative political and societal responses has never been greater.

Advancing human development within sustainable planetary boundaries is the most important challenge for humanity and for science. To deliver on important global commitments such as the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we must urgently intensify fair and equitable transformations to sustainability across all regions and sectors – from science, policy, business, and civil society.

These are ambitious goals that require collaboration between regions, governments, scientists, research funders, the private sector and civil society. In this decisive decade, science must be empowered to work towards a dignified future for humanity and the planet, in partnership with society. This calls for courage, and it calls for commitment.

This is why the [International Science Council](#), through the voices of its Members at the global and regional levels, has embarked on an ambitious schedule of Global Knowledge Dialogues, [launched in Africa](#) on the margins of the World Science Forum in 2022, and continuing with Asia-Pacific in 2023 and Latin America and the Caribbean in 2024.

The [Global Knowledge Dialogue \(GKD\): Latin America and the Caribbean](#) will be hosted by the [ISC Regional Focal Point for Latin America and the Caribbean](#), along with its Liaison Committee. Presidents, executive officers, ISC focal points and key decision makers of scientific unions, associations, academies, and national bodies, along with [ISC Fellows](#) will gather during this Global Knowledge Dialogue event to work towards providing a powerful and credible voice for science on the global stage.

Three thematic blocks will be explored at the GKD for Latin America and the Caribbean including:

1. The ISC in a Member context: A discussion between the ISC leadership, ISC Fellows, and Members on the strategic and organizational objectives of the ISC.
2. Science in the Global context: Promoting diversity in science and science systems.
3. The ISC in a regional context: A dialogue on developing a workstream for the ISC Regional Focal Point for Latin America and the Caribbean in the coming years, as well as a discussion on the future of funding science for sustainability in the region.

The day's proceedings will result in essential regional dialogues providing a roadmap for the ISC regional focal point in the LAC region and its upcoming initiatives. The event will serve to strengthen the voice of Latin American science, and work towards developing the actionable pathways that advance science as a global public good, with the ISC in its convening role as the global voice for science.

The active engagement of ISC Members from the Latin America and the Caribbean region in the Council's work is central to securing this powerful global voice for science. ISC Members in the region, together with key international partner organizations, will open the dialogue for the ISC to develop robust regional focal points that convene the required expertise and influence across scientific fields, disciplines, regions, and stakeholder communities to advance effective knowledge brokerage for all levels of policy making.

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