



LIAISON COMMITTEE

ISC Regional Focal Point for the Latin American and Caribbean Region

Terms of Reference

Background

Being the global voice for science requires the International Science Council (ISC) to engage with its [Members](#) and wider scientific communities throughout the world, having both regional resonance and global impact.

Following an open call in 2020/2021, the ISC signed an agreement with the Colombian Academy of Exact, Physical and Natural Sciences in December 2021 over the establishment, administration and management of an ISC Regional Focal Point (RFP) for the Latin American and the Caribbean (LAC) region.

The RFP-LAC operates under the leadership of a Chair, and shall be advised and guided by a Liaison Committee. The work of the committee is supported by an ISC Science Officer based at the Colombian Academy.

Composition

The Liaison Committee for the Latin American and Caribbean Region (LAC LC) comprises the Committee Chair and up to 10 ordinary members, who are appointed by the ISC Governing Board following an open call for nominations. In addition, the committee includes relevant observers as well as an ISC Governing Board (GB) member from the LAC region and the ISC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) as ex officio members. The observers as well as the ISC GB member and ISC CEO will be invited to the committee meetings.

The qualifications required to become a member of the LAC LC include being or having been involved with an [ISC Member](#) organization of any category and possessing experience in developing regional and/or national science networks, as well as science-policy and science-societal interactions, with outstanding networks and convening power in the scientific, policy, business or any other sector relevant to the [ISC's mission and objectives](#).

The International Science Council (ISC) is a non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations including Academies and Research Councils



The membership of the committee should ensure effective representation of the different branches of science and reflect gender diversity.

Priority duties

Under the leadership of the committee Chair and with support by the dedicated Science Officer the committee will work towards:

Mobilizing active and continuous regional engagement with the ISC by

- Organizing and coordinating the involvement of ISC Members in the region in the development of ISC's global strategy and action planning process
- Mobilizing the participation of ISC Members in the region in ISC's global programmes and activities as well as those of ISC's affiliated bodies

Widening the ISC community by

- Assisting the ISC to increase its membership base in the region
- Ensuring strong representation and participation of regional scientists, experts and/or scientific institutions in ISC activities
- Increasing the ISC's network of partners in the region

Amplifying ISC representation, communications and outreach at the regional level by

- Promoting the outcomes of the ISC's global activities amongst regional scientific and stakeholder communities
- Ensuring effective ISC representation in events and fora of ISC Members, partners and related stakeholder communities in the region

Additional duties

Depending on the RFP's support capacities, the committee would – under the leadership of the committee Chair and with the support of the dedicated Science Officer – over time, seek to:

Develop region-specific priority activities by

- Identifying priorities and developing related activities that are currently not part of the ISC's 2022 – 2024 Action Plan priorities but that serve the specific needs and interests of ISC Members, partners and/or stakeholder communities in the region. Such region-specific agendas and actions would be dependent on resource availability (external funding and/or in-kind support of ISC Members in the region) and subject to approval by the ISC GB; their



implementation would follow ISC project development and management principles and procedures.

Lead its integrated operations by

- Contributing to the management of specific ISC global science or communications projects, as well as the Council's engagement in regional UN policy processes
- Contributing support to ISC governance bodies and related strategic/action planning processes
- Contributing to the planning and organization of ISC global events, including sessions of the ISC General Assembly
- Contributing to ISC fundraising efforts and organizational development projects

Duration

The committee will be appointed for the duration of the 2022 – 2024 ISC governance period, and its term will expire at the 3rd [ISC General Assembly](#).

Working modalities

Committee members are expected to dedicate on average two hours per week to the task. This includes the attendance of online meetings and the active engagement outside of formal meetings in pursuing and implementing agreed actions and committee responsibilities.

The committee will conduct its work via online meetings and online communications and will seek to meet in-person once a year.

Any authorized travel or administrative expenses incurred by a committee member in the course of her/his work will be covered by the ISC.