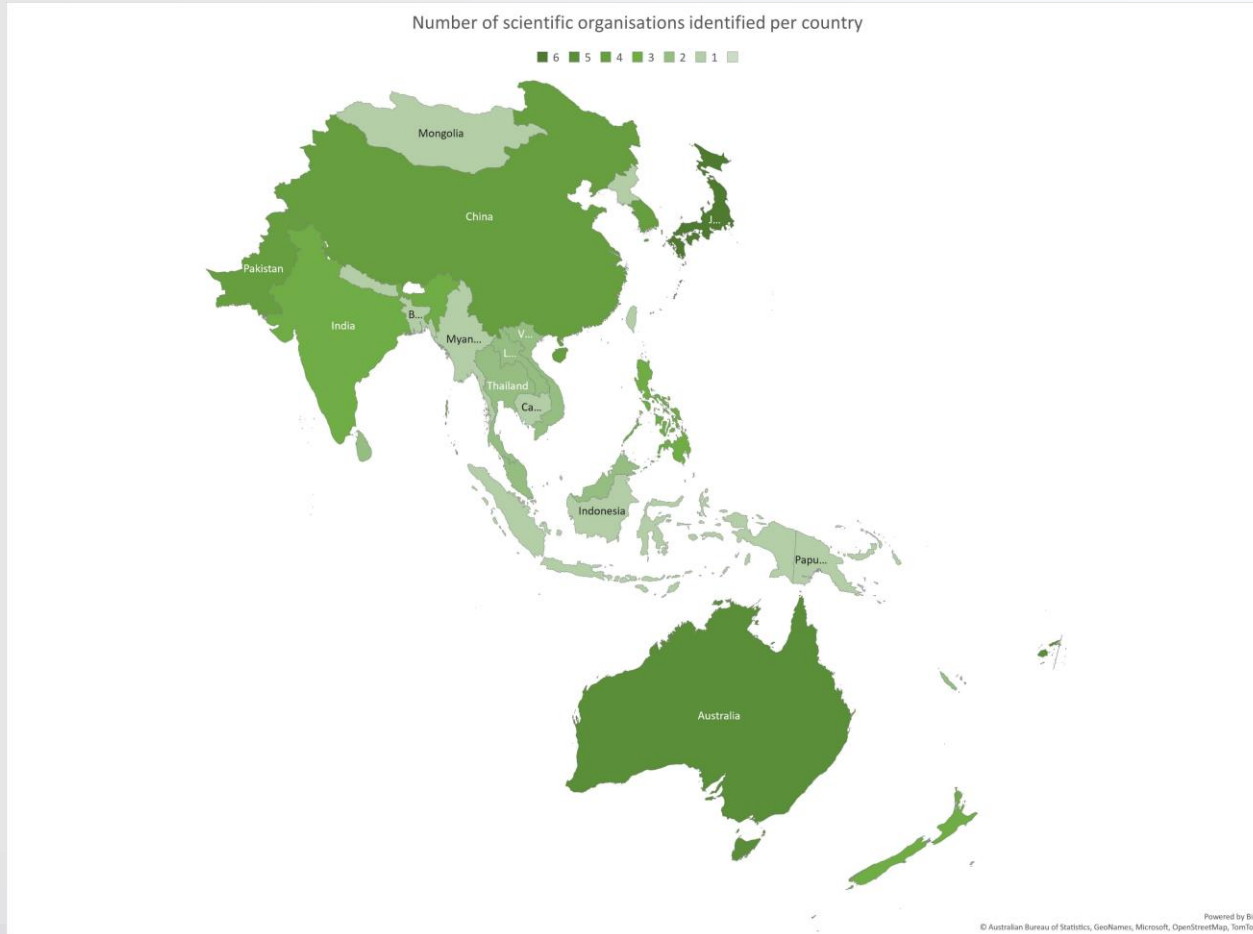


# REGIONAL FOCAL POINT

**Asia Pacific**

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# DEFINING THE REGION



- 19 countries
- 29 ISC Category 2 organisations and
- 9 affiliated members
- Two regional organisations representing the Pacific Island Nations.

# PURPOSE

**Like other Regional Focal Points our core agenda is to:**

- Widen the ISC community by increasing its membership base in the region;
- Amplify ISC representation, communications and outreach at the regional level;
- Contribute to leading the integrated operations of the ISC secretariat; and
- Develop regionally specific priority activities, including capability building in identified areas of need.

# SCOPE

The RFP-AP will align with the ISC's vision, mission and core values as outlined in the current [High-level strategic plan\\*](#).

Programs and activities will be organised around **three pillars**, as outlined in our proposal to the Australian Government.

- 1. Knowledge generation:** including indigenous, civil and science knowledge systems.
- 2. Capacity building,** strengthen knowledge-systems, supporting women in science, increasing societal impact, and promoting transdisciplinary research practice.
- 3. Science communication and translation:** Evidence informed decision making, connecting policy with science and science with policy, creating trust in science and fighting misinformation.

# SEEKING IMPACT

Two flagship programs will be developed to run for the duration of the 5 years.

Integration of all three pillars will occur across all programs and activities.

A flagship program under the knowledge creation pillar is proposed to support one of the five missions laid out in the “[Unleashing Science](#)” report from the Global Commission team.

- Food: eating adequate, healthy diets without consuming nature’s bounty
- Water: replenishing nature’s reservoirs to provide enough clean water for all
- Health and Wellbeing: being whole and well in body, mind, and nature.
- Urban areas: thriving in places while stewarding the natural environment.
- Climate and energy: shifting to clean energy while restoring a safe climate

# INPUT FROM OUR MEMBERS

- Wide support and agreement around the vision of Science as a public goods – but acknowledge that access to science remains limited in many Asia Pacific countries – as is access to education, esp for girls.
- Missions in the Unleashing Science report mirror regional challenges, but we need to consider the unique characteristics of the AP region when we design programs and activities in response to these.
- Investing in science training, science systems, science communication and diplomacy is critical.
- Finding better ways to collaborate, integrate and coordinate existing programs in the region is a priority.

# NEXT STEPS

- Establishing the Governing Council
  - Co-chairs have been nominated
  - Launch of portal to allow our member organisations to nominate candidates to fill the four positions that will represent our four sub-regions (South-, East-, Southeast- Asia and Oceania)
- Audit and mapping of regional research relating to the missions from the Unleashing Science report
- Commence design of flagship programs
- Supporting the ISC Global Knowledge Dialogue for the Asia Pacific Region in collaboration with the Malaysian Academy of Science
- Support the development of a Pacific Academy


# THANK YOU


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We look forward to the next steps.


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