



# International Science Council

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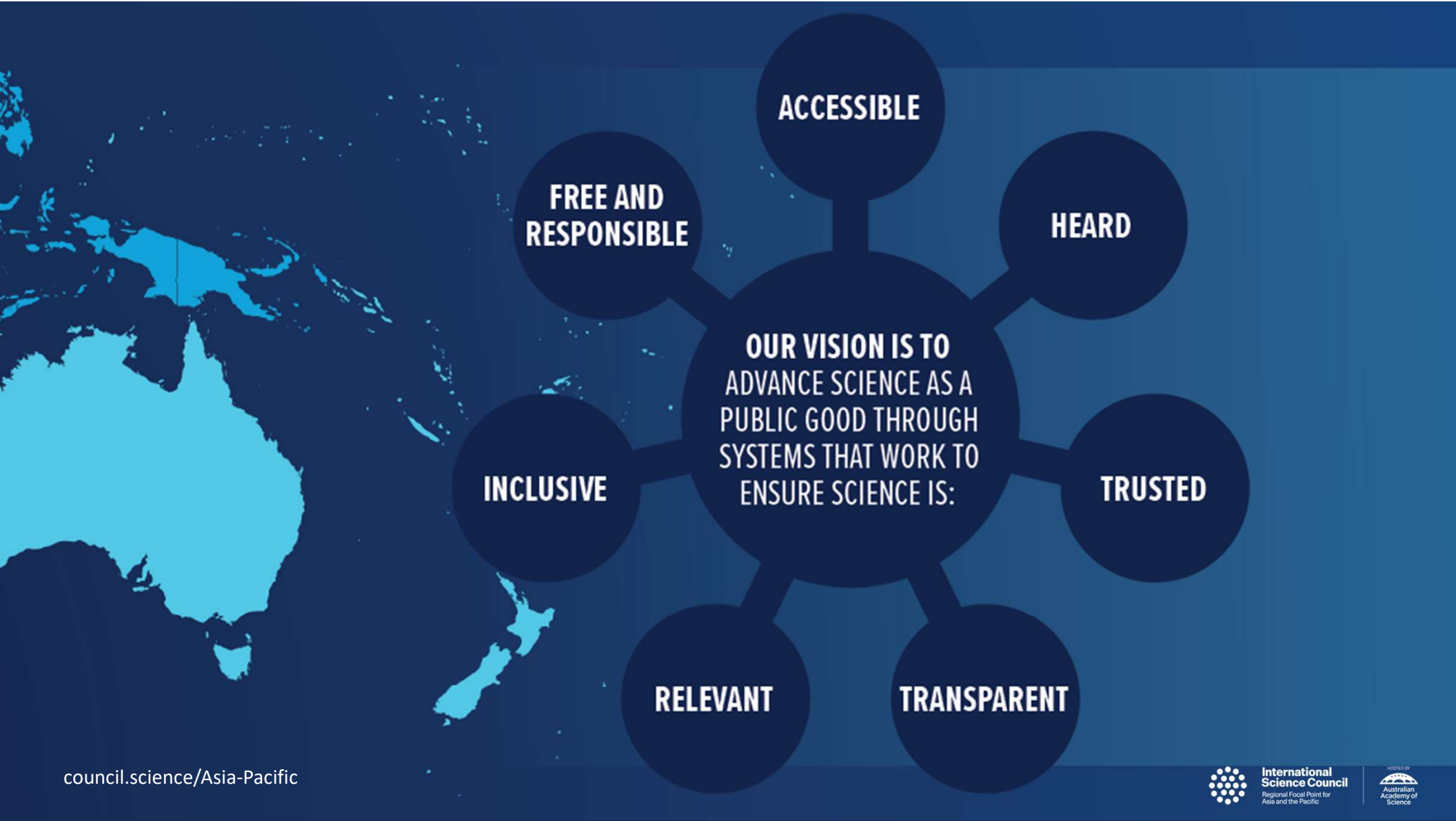
## International Science Council

- Global voice of and for science
- Active in global science policy through the provision of high-level advice to UN bodies on the SDGs
- Facilitate global fora on topics such as disaster risk and urban health
- Champion the freedom of movement and association of scientists.

## ISC Regional Focal Point Asia and Pacific

### Objectives

- Ensure that regional needs and priorities are adequately represented in the ISC global agenda
- Ensure that regional voices are actively engaged in the governance and management of the ISC's work, and that the region benefits from the results of that work
- Develop regionally specific priority activities, including capability building in identified areas of need.
- Widen the ISC community by increasing its membership base in the region
- Amplify ISC representation, communications and outreach at the regional level



## Asia Pacific focus area

The RFP-AP will encompass current and future ISC members from:

**South Asia** (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan)

**East Asia** (China, Japan, Mongolia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Republic of Korea)

**Southeast Asia** (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste)

**Oceania** (Pacific Island nations, New Zealand, Australia)



# Three pillars of work



## KNOWLEDGE GENERATION

Through research and enquiry, including indigenous and other knowledge systems, address regional and global challenges such as climate change, health threats, and food security.

Leverage global and regional scientific networks, such as Future Earth, World Climate Research Programme (WCRP), and The Pacific Community (SPC).

Identify science priorities and develop relevant programming.



## CAPACITY BUILDING

Support the development of local expertise by developing and facilitating access to expert knowledge and by developing mechanisms for evidence to inform decision-making.

Support linkages across private, public, and state stakeholders in the region.

Strengthen knowledge-systems, Including indigenous, civil and science knowledge systems.

Promote transdisciplinary research practice.

Strengthen science diplomacy.



## SCIENCE COMMUNICATION & TRANSLATION

Deliver a source of authoritative and influential advice for and from the region to promote evidence-informed decision-making at the international level, including across the United Nations.

Enable evidence informed decision making, connecting policy with science and science with policy.

Strengthen trust in science and fight misinformation.



# Advisory Council



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## Asia-Pacific Global Knowledge Dialogue

- Over 150 participants from 31 countries.
- Key messages:
  - We need new tools and new ways of doing science for a post normal world.
  - Build capacity and systems to promote evidence-based decision making.
  - Build science communication capacity.
  - Engage with and create opportunities for EMCRs.



# Introducing our Oceania Program Manager

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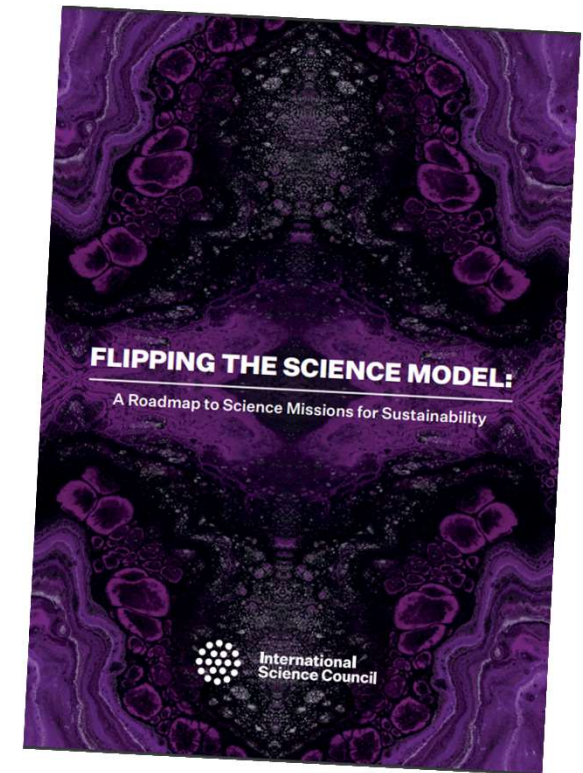


## How you can engage with us

Contribute to opportunities created by the ISC RFP-AP to identify the most urgent regional sustainability challenges that could become science missions.

- **Stay connected** - tell us about your regional initiatives relating to the missions for sustainability
- **Contact us** at [isc-ap@science.org.au](mailto:isc-ap@science.org.au)
- **Help us to elevate the voice of science** by sharing your work with the science and broader community
- **Keep us informed** so that we can share your opportunities, program development and successes
- **Sign up to the newsletter for updates** at [council.science/Asia-Pacific](https://council.science/Asia-Pacific)

**Engage with the missions for sustainability and the UN International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development** using the roadmap outlined in the *ISC Flipping the Science Model* report and the *ISC Unleashing Science* report to progress Agenda 2030 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by providing evidence-based knowledge and action.





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