

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, AI to scientific publishing, 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, 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](#) (GKD), [launched in Africa](#) on the margins of the World Science Forum in 2022, and continued with [Asia and the Pacific](#) in 2023, held during the International Greentech & Eco Products Exhibition & Conference.

The time has come for the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) edition of the Global Knowledge Dialogue. This presents a prime opportunity for an open discussion about the new strategic roadmap required for the region to effectively progress global agendas. It will focus on identifying regional scientific priorities, opportunities, and challenges, with a special emphasis on strategies for funding and executing sustainable science initiatives. Uniquely, it will also provide a moment for diplomats based in Chile to meet with the scientific community through the inaugural Science and Diplomacy Forum of Latin America and Caribbean to further the link between scientists and the global and regional policy interface.

The [Global Knowledge Dialogue: Latin America and the Caribbean](#) will be held in Santiago de Chile, from 9 – 11 April 2024, and will be hosted by the [ISC Regional Focal Point for Latin America and the Caribbean](#) along with its Liaison Committee, and supported by the [Chilean Academy of Sciences](#), the [Colombian Academy of Exact, Physical and Natural Sciences](#), and the Chilean Society of Physiological Science chapter of the [International Union of Physiological Sciences](#). Elected officers, executive officers, ISC focal points and other key decision makers of [ISC Members](#), including 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 have been proposed to be explored at the GKD for Latin America and the Caribbean in 2024, 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 event aims to offer the space for essential regional dialogues providing a roadmap for the ISC regional focal point in the LAC region and its upcoming initiatives. The space 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 GKD LAC is the opportunity to stimulate the active engagement of ISC Members from the Latin America and the Caribbean region in the Council's work, which is fundamental 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 suit the required expertise and influence across scientific fields, disciplines, regions, and stakeholder communities to advance effective knowledge brokerage for all levels of policy-making.

Delegates are also invited to join the ISC for a dinner hosted on 10 April 2024.

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