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Day 1, Wednesday 29 January 2025

14:00–15:00 Opening and formalities

1. Opening and welcome NA

The President will open the General Assembly.

2. Adoption of the agenda *Doc. 0: List of documents* *Doc. 1: Draft agenda*

The General Assembly will be asked to adopt the agenda.

3. Adoption of the report of previous General Assembly *Doc. 2: Draft report of the 2021 General Assembly*

The General Assembly will be asked to adopt the report of the previous General Assembly (2021).

4. Appointment of Resolutions Committee NA

The General Assembly will be asked to approve the four proposed members of the Resolutions Committee.

5. Voting procedures *Doc. 3: Extracts from Statutes and Rules of Procedure*

The General Assembly will be invited to note the voting procedures.

6. Presentation of Governing Board members *Doc. 4: List of Governing Board members*

The outgoing, continuing and incoming Governing Board members will be introduced to the General Assembly.

Break (10 mins)

15:15–18:00 Reporting

7. Report, President and CEO [30m]

Doc. 5: Draft Three-Year Activity Report

The President and CEO will introduce the reporting for the previous three-year period.

8. Report, Science [20m]

*Refer to Doc. 5, Section 4
Doc. 6: Report of Consultative Group on
Science Education*

The Vice-President for Science Programmes will present and take questions on the science activities.

9. Report, Freedom & Responsibility in Science [20m]

Refer to Doc. 5, Section 5

The Vice-President for Freedom and Responsibility in Science will present and take questions on the 'FRS' activities.

Break (30mins)

10. Report, Outreach & Engagement [30m]

Refer to Doc. 5, Section 2

a. Membership outreach, engagement and communications [20m]

The Vice-President for Membership will present and take questions on the membership outreach and engagement activities.

b. ISC Fellowship [10m]

The President will give a short report and take questions on the ISC Fellowship.

11. Progress on resolutions of the 2021 GA [40m]

a. Scientific publishing [20m]

Refer to Doc. 5, Section 4.7

Governing Board member Geoffrey Boulton will present the highlights of ISC work in the area of science publishing since the last GA and the Secretariat will address future work.

b. ISC and the multilateral system [20m]

*Refer to Doc. 5, Section 6
Doc. 7: Discussion paper on science diplomacy*

Julia Marton-Lefevre, Chair of the Steering Group on ISC Strategy in the Intergovernmental System (2021), will present the highlights of ISC engagement with the multilateral system and the Secretariat will address future work.

18:30–19:30 Reception (location to be confirmed)

Day 2, Thursday 30 January 2025**09:00–12:30 Strategy and membership****12. Draft Strategic Plan 2025–2028***Doc. 8: Draft Strategic Plan 2025–2028*

[45m]

The President will present the draft Strategic Plan 2025–2028, for discussion.

13. ISC Statutes and Rules of Procedure

[45m]

a. Implications of the 2024 revisions for advisory bodies*Doc. 9: Plan for staggering standing committee mandates*

[15m]

The President will present the timeline for introduction of staggering of standing committee membership, for noting.

b. Proposed further modifications to the Statutes and RoP*Doc. 10: Proposed modifications of Statutes and Rules of Procedure*

[30m]

The President will introduce a number of proposed modifications to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure, for discussion and decision by the members.

Break (30mins)**14. Membership matters**

[60m]

a. Reports from membership fora

NA

[30m]

Rapporteurs from the meetings of Members by category will be invited to give a five-minute report.

b. Implications of 2024 revisions of Statutes and RoP for ISC membership*Doc. 11: Discussion paper*

[30m]

The Members will be invited to discuss continuing and emerging issues around membership categories.

15. ISC regional presence*Doc. 12a–e*

[45m]

Reports on the ISC's regional presence from the CEO and the Regional Focal Points in Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia Pacific, as well as from the ISC-Future Africa scoping project, and discussion.

12:45–14:00 Lunch

14:00–16:30 Financial matters (including break)**16. Report, Finance, Compliance & Risk**
[30m]

Doc. 13a: Report of Vice-President for Finance, Compliance and Risk 2022–2024
Doc. 13b: Note on hosting of the ISC in France

- The Vice-President for Finance, Compliance and Risk will present the financial report for the period since the last GA.
- The President will present the ISC Trust.
- The CEO will inform the General Assembly about the status of the ISC’s hosting in France.

17. 2025–2026 budget
[30m]

Doc. 14a: Provisional 2025–2026 budget and cover note
Doc. 14b: Membership dues scale 2025

The Vice-President for Finance, Compliance and Risk will present the 2025–2026 budget.

18. Adjustment of membership dues for inflation
[10m]

Doc. 15: Proposal for annual adjustment of membership dues for inflation

The Vice-President for Finance, Compliance and Risk will present a proposal to formalize the regular adjustment for inflation.

19. Appointment of auditor
[10m]

Doc. 16: Proposal for auditor of ISC account

The Vice-President for Finance, Compliance and Risk will ask the membership to confirm the appointment of the external auditor of the ISC accounts.

Break (30 mins)**20. Revision of ISC membership dues structure**
[45m]

Doc. 17: Proposed principles for the revision of the ISC membership dues structure

The Vice-President for Finance, Compliance and Risk and members of the Dues Revision Working Group will present a set of proposed principles to underpin the revision of the dues structure, for discussion with the membership.

16:30–17:30 Closing formalities

21. Adoption of resolutions

If any resolutions have been proposed, the Resolutions Committee will bring them forward for adoption by the membership.

22. Date and place of next meetings

a. 2026 Membership Meeting

The President will indicate the timeline for confirming the location of the 2026 membership meeting.

b. 2028 General Assembly

The President will indicate the timeline for selecting the location of the 2028 General Assembly.

23. Any other business

24. Presidential address

25. Close of General Assembly
