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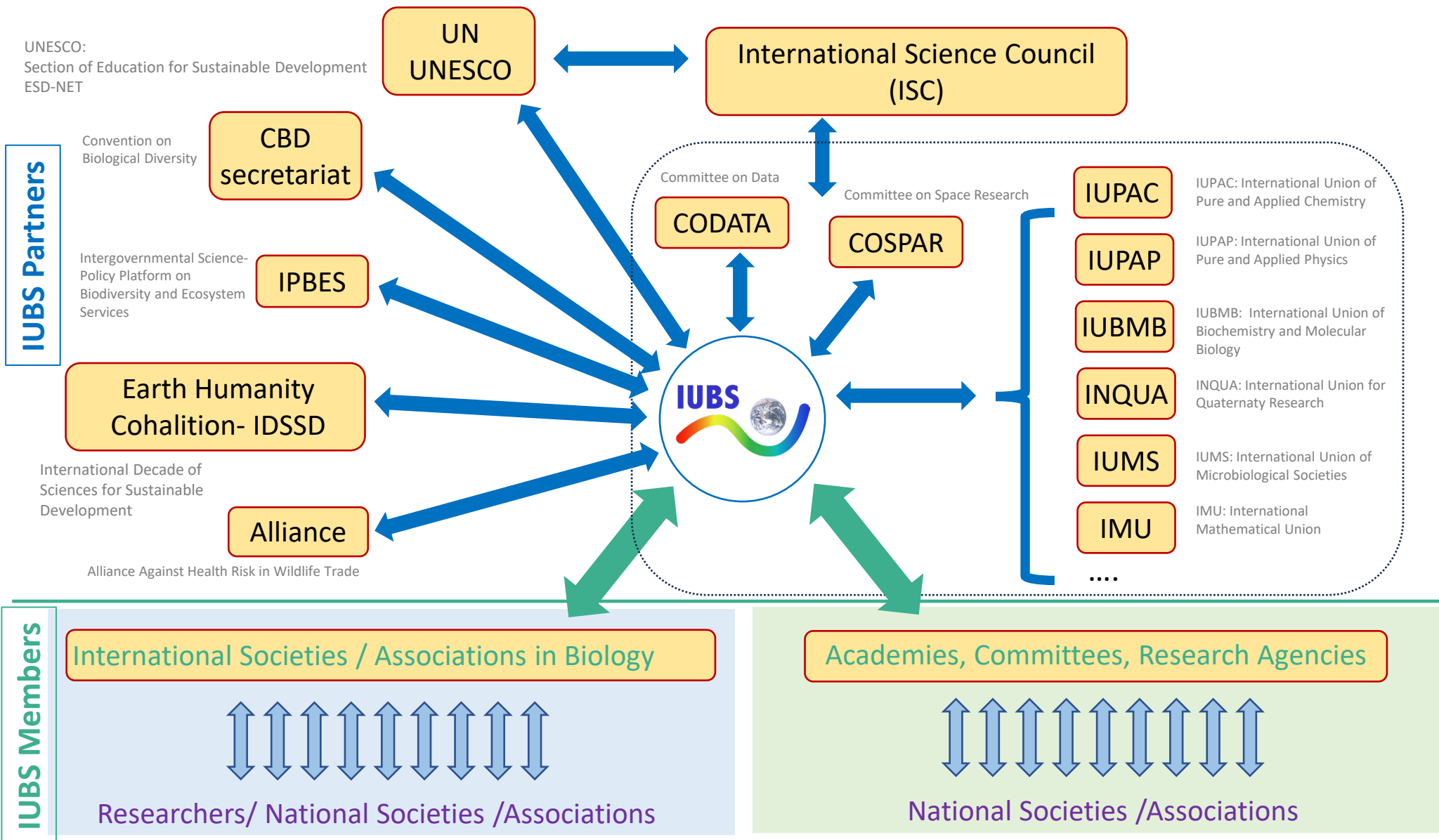
IUBS



IUBS: Unity Through Diversity

- The **International Union of Biological Sciences** is a non-governmental, non-profit organization established in **1919**.
- IUBS represents **biology** across all scales of size, complexity and disciplines, with special emphasis on emerging properties at any level, e.g. in populations and ecosystems
- IUBS connects bioscientists in a worldwide network and is **the voice of all of biology**
- IUBS unites more than **110 national, scientific**, and institutional **members** comprising National Academies and international scientific associations and societies.





INTERNATIONAL UNION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Unifying biology through diversity

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Priorities/Main areas of work:



Biodiversity and Health Big Data



Science for Biodiversity

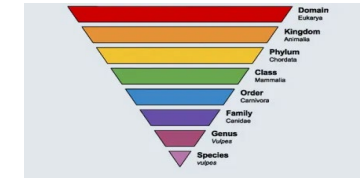
Science Policy for Biodiversity Forum



Pastoralism Socio-Ecosystem



Zoonotic Diseases



Unified Science Language



Basic Science

2024 • 2033
International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development



TROP ICSU
Climate Education



Education in Ecology



Equal opportunities



SCGES
Gender equality

Current collaborations with :

⇒ other Organisations and International Unions in various disciplines, CBD, UNESCO, ISC, INQUA,

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Finances and Administration

- ❖ **Membership dues are only source of revenue**
- ❖ **IUBS has a varied annual dues structure which is a result of legacy**
- ❖ **IUBS has National/Ordinary Members who pay these dues; individuals are not members**
- ❖ **IUBS has Nations as Associate Members who do not pay dues and who may transition into full-paying members, e.g. Mongolia**
- ❖ **International Scientific Societies are Scientific Members who do not pay dues**
- ❖ **Current Secretariat is based in Paris**



IUBS Membership

National/Ordinary Members:

24 countries adhering through Academies of Sciences, National Research Councils with IUBS National Committees in each country.

Associate Members:

Any country, territory or geographic region in which the infrastructure of biological sciences has not reached the levels of development of most National Members.

Scientific Members:

85 international science associations or societies representing a biological discipline or a discipline relevant to the scientific study of biology.



Many parts of the world are not represented

24 ordinary members, 1 associate member

The Challenges

01

**Increasingly difficult
to obtain annual dues**

02

**Some countries delay
paying annual dues
due to political
situation; e.g.
freezing of SWIFT
transfers; investment
regulations**

03

**Do not have global
representation**