

# FORUM OF CATEGORY 1 MEMBERS

Third ISC General Assembly

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# Themes for discussion

## 1 FREE CIRCULATION OF SCIENTISTS AND PROBLEMS WITH VISAS

In recent times the scientists from certain countries and territories are increasingly denied entry by the host countries from attending international conferences sponsored by various International Scientific Unions. IUPAP will bring a proposal of a resolution on the matter to be presented for the consideration of the ISC GA.

## 2 THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF SCIENCES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The participants will discuss possible collaborative actions to be carried out in view of the declaration of 2024-2034 as the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (IDSSD). More specifically, the possibility of writing joint reports on matters related to some of the UN SDGs will be discussed.

## 3 THE FUTURE OF THE ISC AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC UNIONS

The participants will discuss what the expectations of the Unions are regarding the future of their relationship with the ISC in view of the new strategic plan and the renewal of the ISC's governing board.

## 4 SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT THE STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIONS

The information collected so far among the Unions will be shared. The experience liaising with other organizations and the problems that the Unions currently have will be discussed.

# Visa Problems.

## Background

In recent times, the scientists from certain countries and territories are increasingly and systematically denied entry by the host countries on the basis of their nationality, origin or beliefs among other reasons from attending international conferences sponsored by various Unions that are members of the International Science Council (ISC). This is contrary to the concept of free circulation of scientists for ensuring global exchange of ideas and forging of international collaborations without barriers which is the basic premise on which the ISC functions.

## Proposed Resolution by IUPAP

During the third General Assembly of the International Science Council (ISC) held in Muscat Oman, it is resolved that denial of visa to bona fide scientists attending international conferences is unacceptable. The ISC would make all possible efforts along with its member Unions and Academies to campaign against the denial of visa to bona fide scientists on the basis of their nationality, origin, or beliefs because such practices run contrary to free movement of scientists for purposes of sharing and exchanging ideas, the very foundation on which the future scientific and societal progress depends.

# United Nations Resolution IDSSD

The language and ambitions of the UN resolution declaring the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development HIGHLIGHT the priorities THAT ARE Embraced.

*Acknowledging* that humanity is exposed to complex challenges, and that the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in all its dimensions requires a more effective and inclusive approach based on synergistic cooperation of all sciences – basic and applied sciences as well as social and human sciences, including traditional knowledge – enabling the development of technology, innovation and education,

*Emphasizing* that the evidence-based methodologies and the models of operation and collaboration used in research can support policymakers in finding adequate responses to the present and future complex challenges, and that open science can help in promoting and strengthening international cooperation,

*Recognizing* that developing countries face specific challenges in accessing new sciences and technologies, stressing the need to bridge the divides within and between countries, and highlighting the importance of financing and capacity-building,

1. *Decides* to proclaim the period 2024–2033 the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development, within existing structures and available resources, to represent a unique opportunity for humanity to use the critical role that sciences play in the pursuit of sustainable development in its three dimensions as one

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Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

**Resolution adopted by the General Assembly  
on 25 August 2023**

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/77/L.100)]

77/326. International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development,  
2024–2033

**HOW CAN UNIONS JOIN FORCES TO ADVANCE THE  
GOALS OF THE IDSSD?**

# The UN Sustainable Development Goals

One option:

write joint reports about recent research and developments in our disciplines that could help advance the UN SDGs of the 2030 Agenda.



# The relationship with the ISC

New members of the ISC Governing Board who had been nominated by the International Scientific Unions:

## Vice-President for Freedom and Responsibility in Science



**Prof. Dr. Marcia Barbosa**

**Country of work:** Brazil

**Primary scientific domain:** Natural and formal sciences

## Vice-President for Membership



**Prof. Yongguan ZHU**

**Country of work:** China

**Primary scientific domain:** Natural and formal sciences

## Ordinary Members



**Prof. Catherine Jami**

**Country of work:** France

**Primary scientific domain:** Humanities, natural and formal sciences



**Prof. Nalini Joshi**

**Country of work:** Australia

**Primary scientific domain:** Natural and formal sciences

# Sharing information about the structure and administration of the Unions

The questions we asked in the shared document. Please fill it out if you haven't yet.

Is the organization non-governmental and have a not-for-profit status?	Is the organization currently registered? (Y/N/in progress)	Registered country	Year of registration	Reasons for choosing this country	Any particular remarks about being registered in this country.	If not registered anywhere, why?
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Was the organization previously registered in (a) different country/ies?	If yes, which country/ies?	Why did the organization change to a different country?	Any other comments or learning to share
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Current country/territory of (bank) account(s)	Reasons for choosing this country/territory	Any particular remarks about your organization's experience having a bank account in this country/territory.	Does the organization have a professional manager/accountant for its accounts? (Y/N/in progress)	How is the account set up to accommodate a Treasurer who might not be a resident of the country that the account is located in?	Does your organization regularly carry out an external audit?	Where is the auditor based?	Any other comments or learning to share
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## Anything else?



**Thank you!**



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