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Themes for discussion

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.

THE FUTURE OF THE ISC AND ITS RELATIONSHIP E 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.

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.

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

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.













Resolution

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,

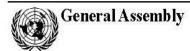
Recognizing that developing countries face specific challenges in accessing new sciences and technologies, stressing the need to bridge the divides within and between countries, and highlighting the importance of financing and capacity-building.

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

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

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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

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.







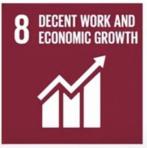








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The relationship with the ISC

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

Anything else?















