

Third ISC General Assembly
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Forum of Category 3 Members

29 January 2025

Co-chairs

- **Gian Maria Greco, Chair, Marie Curie Alumni Association**
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Purpose and Goals

- **Gather feedback:** Understand the perspectives, needs, and priorities of Category 3 members.
- **Strengthen collaboration:** Explore opportunities for enhanced cooperation among Category 3 members and the ISC.
- **Inform ISC decisions:** Your input will directly inform ISC's strategies, programs, and initiatives.

ISC Category 3 Members

Category 1: Scientific umbrella organizations devoted to the practice and promotion of a scientific discipline or area of science

Category 2: Academies of sciences, research councils and analogous scientific bodies representing a broad spectrum of scientific fields and disciplines on a national, territorial or regional level

Category 3: National, regional or global organizations including young scientist organizations, scientific federations and societies

Category 4: Observer organizations, including co-sponsored science programmes

Meeting Structure and Timing

Session Duration: 1 hour and 45 minutes

Format: Breakout Group Discussions

Your active participation and insights are crucial to the success of this forum.



Draft ISC Strategic Plan 2025–2028

- **Priority area 1:** Freedom, responsibility and inclusivity in science
- **Priority area 2:** International science agenda-setting
- **Priority area 3:** The evolution of science
- **Priority area 4:** Evidence-based policymaking
- **Priority area 5:** Science diplomacy

Members' Insights Needed

- **Collaboration opportunities:** Identifying ways to enhance cooperation among Category 3 members and with the ISC
- **Support mechanisms:** Determining what resources or programs would best assist our organisations
- **Emerging challenges:** Highlighting new issues or trends that the ISC should address

Engaging in collaborative dialogue

Breakout discussion 1

1. What challenges and opportunities do Category 3 members currently face in their regions or domains?
2. What areas should the ISC prioritise to better support their work?
3. Are there specific gaps in ISC's support for Category 3 members?
4. How can they be addressed?



Breakout discussion 2

Collaboration among Category 3 members and with other categories:

1. What kinds of collaborations would benefit your organization the most?
2. How can ISC facilitate or enhance these collaborations?
3. What types of programs or initiatives would have the greatest impact for your organization?
4. Are there specific gaps in ISC's support for Category 3 members?
5. How can they be addressed?

Other topics

- Strengthening international collaborative research
- Transforming research regime
- Better informing science for policy
- Research Infrastructures needed to meet the aspirations of Category 3 members
- How to face social challenges, including climate change and energy transition, health and wellbeing, food security



Report from breakout discussions



What Happens Now?

Possible actions:

- Input will be compiled and provided to the ISC team
- Analysis of the input by the ISC staff
- Future opportunities to collaborate and contribute will be communicated input by the ISC staff



Thank You for Your Participation

Your contributions today will help shape the future of ISC's work.

