

# Welcome

to the Third ISC General Assembly



# Opening and formalities

14:00 – 15:00



# 1. Opening and welcome



## 2. Adoption of the agenda



# 3. Adoption of the report of previous General Assembly



# 4. Appointment of Resolutions Committee



# The proposed Resolutions Committee



**Alik Ismail-Zadeh**

Former ISC Governing Board,  
Chair of the scientific  
committee of the Integrated  
Research on Disaster Risk  
Programme (IRDR)



**Joachim Kapalanga**

Executive Vice President,  
Society for the Advancement  
of Science in Africa



**Gabriella Viero**

Council, International Union  
Pure and Applied  
Biophysics (IUPAB)



**Charah Watson**

Executive Director, Scientific  
Research Council Jamaica

# 5. Voting procedures





## 2. Voting procedures

### Statute 17.

The General Assembly will vote with a different system for two different types of issues:

- i. Voting on financial matters is weighted according to Members' positions in the scale of annual membership dues, which is approved by the General Assembly on the advice of the Governing Board (see Statute 12.v).
- ii. Voting on all other matters is as follows:
  - a) Category 1 Members collectively have 40 percent of the overall vote; Category 2 Members collectively have 40 percent of the overall vote; Category 3 Members collectively have 20 percent of the overall vote.
  - b) Within Category 1 and Category 3, each Member has an equal vote.
  - c) Each Category 2 Member has an equal vote, except in cases where there is more than one Category 2 Member representing the same country, territory or region, in which case the Members from that country, territory or region must agree on a common voting position resulting in a single vote. Should they not find agreement, they shall have a proportion of that vote agreed between them, otherwise the vote will be divided proportionately to dues paid.

### Modification of the Statutes

### Statute 61.

Any change to the Statutes shall require a majority of two thirds of Members casting an eligible vote.

## 2. Voting procedures

### Quorum

#### Rule of Procedure 1.1

In votes of the General Assembly, a quorum shall consist of 50 percent of Members eligible to vote, in any category of membership.

### Voting procedures

#### Rule of Procedure 2.1

If voting is necessary and a decision of the General Assembly cannot be reached by acclamation, a decision will be reached in accordance with Statute 17 and by a simple majority of the eligible votes cast. A two-thirds' majority is only necessary when explicitly stated in the Statutes or Rules of Procedure.

#### Rule of Procedure 2.2

All majorities shall be calculated on the basis of the total number of valid affirmative and negative votes actually cast.

#### Rule of Procedure 2.8

Decisions of the Council's key decision-making bodies may be arrived at entirely or in part by electronic means, as appropriate, provided that a quorum is attained, except in the case of approval of the audited annual accounts, where a quorum is not required.

#### Rule of Procedure 2.9

Where a General Assembly is held in person, the vote of each Member shall normally be cast at the meeting by the representative of that Member or by a proxy nominated by that Member. This nomination must be submitted in writing to the President before the session at which the proxy is to operate. If a Member is unable to designate a proxy to vote at the meeting, votes on those issues already on the agenda (and not arising from the floor) may be submitted in writing to the President before the meeting.

# 6. Presentation of Governing Board members



# Current Officers (continuing)



**Peter Gluckman**

ISC President



**Motoko Kotani**

Vice-President for Science  
Programmes (Executive Vice  
President, Tohoku University,  
Japan)



**Sawako Shirahase**

Vice-President for Finance,  
Compliance and Risk (Director of  
the University of Tokyo Center for  
Contemporary Japanese Studies,  
Japan)

# Current Officers (outgoing)



**Salim Abdool Karim**

Vice-President for Membership  
(Director, Centre for the AIDS  
Programme of Research in South  
Africa (CAPRISA), South Africa)



**Anne Husebekk**

Vice-President for Freedom and  
Responsibility in Science (UiT - The  
Arctic University of Norway)

# Current ordinary members (continuing)



**Karina Batthyany**  
Executive Secretary,  
CLACSO-Latin American  
Council of Social Sciences,  
and Professor, University of  
the Republic, Uruguay



**Françoise Baylis**  
Distinguished Research  
Professor at Dalhousie  
University and President-  
elect of the Royal Society,  
Canada



**Geoffrey Boulton**  
Regius Professor of Geology  
Emeritus, University of  
Edinburgh, UK



**Walter Oyawa**  
Director General of the  
National Commission for  
Science, Technology &  
Innovation (NACOSTI), Kenya



**Maria Paradiso**  
Professor of Political and  
Economic Geography,  
University of Naples  
Federico II, Italy

# Current ordinary members (outgoing)



**Melody B. Burkins**

Director of the Institute of Arctic Studies,  
Dartmouth University,  
USA



**Mei-Hung Chiu**

Distinguished Professor  
at the Graduate  
Institute of Science  
Education, National  
Taiwan Normal  
University, Taipei



**Pamela Matson**

Dean emerita of  
Stanford University's  
School of Earth, Energy  
and Environmental  
Sciences, USA



**Helena B. Nader**

Head of the Institute of  
Pharmacology and  
Molecular Biology at  
the Federal University  
of São Paulo (UNIFESP),  
Brazil



**Martin Visbeck**

Head of research unit  
Physical Oceanography  
at GEOMAR Helmholtz  
Centre for Ocean  
Research Kiel and  
professor at Kiel  
University, Germany

# Incoming officers and ordinary members



**Robbert Dijkgraaf**

President-elect  
(Distinguished University  
Professor, University of  
Amsterdam, the  
Netherlands)



**Marcia Barbosa**

Vice-President for Freedom  
and Responsibility in  
Science (Professor, Federal  
University of Rio Grande do  
Sul, Brazil)



**Zhu Yongguan**

Vice-President for Membership  
(Director-General, Research  
Center for Eco-Environmental  
Sciences, Chinese Academy of  
Sciences, China)



**Frances Colón**

(Senior director,  
American Progress, USA)



**Catherine Jami**

(Director of Research,  
National Centre for  
Scientific Research,  
France)



**Maria Esteli Jarquin Solis**

(International Relations  
Coordinator, UK Centre  
for Ecology and  
Hydrology, UK)



**Nalini Joshi**

(Payne-Scott  
Professor, University of  
Sydney, Australia)



**Mobolaji Oladoyin Odubanjo**

(Chief Executive, Nigerian  
Academy of Science, Nigeria)



# Advisory bodies

## Standing committees

- Committee for Science Planning (CSP)
- Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science (CFRS)
- Committee for Outreach and Engagement (COE)
- Committee for Finance, Compliance and Risk (CFCR)

## Other statutory committees

- Nominations and Elections Committee

## Ad hoc committees

- Working Group on Constitutional Revision (2023-2024)
- Dues Revision Working Group
- Small Island Developing States Liaison Committee
- Consultative Group for Science Education
- Working Group on action in the area of inequality

# Secretariat and regional staff

## CEO

- ARICÒ Salvatore, CEO

## SCIENCE

- MCBRIDE Vanessa, Science Director and acting Director, Centre for Science Futures
- STAVROU Vivi, Senior Science Officer, Executive Secretary CFRS
- KESSEL Gustav, Special Advisor
- SUD Megha, Senior Science Officer
- SAMANDAR EWEIS Dureen, Science Officer
- STEVANCE Anne-Sophie, Senior Science Officer, Head of Unit
- POPOVICI Anda, Science Officer
- WADDELL James, Science Officer, Political Affairs Liaison
- JACOT DES COMBES Hélène, Project Manager
- SEAG Morgan, ISC Senior Representative to the UN System

## COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH

- TSOY Zhenya, Senior Communications Officer, Acting Head of Communications
- NACACHE Léa, Communications Officer
- IVAN Gabriela, Communications Officer, Partnership and Membership Development
- THIEME Anne, Communications Officer, Membership Liaison
- CLAUSEN, Sarah, Junior Communications Officer

## OPERATIONS

- MOORE Sarah, Operations Director
- DE MARCHI Natacha, Senior Financial Officer
- GUENNEC Alexandra, Senior HR Officer
- GERONIMO Mayette, Financial Officer
- YLOSTALO-JOUBERT Miia, Senior Administrative Officer, PA to CEO
- GUILLIER Jane, Administrative Officer
- TIGHE Olivia, Administrative Officer
- BAREKZAI Sarajuddin, Administrative Officer
- AHN Yun-Kang, IT Officer
- LEPARMENTIER Eric, General Services Manager

## REGIONAL FOCAL POINTS

- SANTACRUZ-PEREZ Carolina, Senior Science Officer, RFP LAC
- PRAWER, Ronit, Director, RFP AP
- JOHNSTON, Aleta, Communications Manager, RFP AP
- AUSTIN, Salote, Oceania Programme Manager, RFP AP
- MAHER, Nina, Projects Officer, RFP AP
- CHODEN, Kunzang, Asia Programme Manager, RFP AP

# Break

## 5 minutes



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**Motoko Kotani**  
Chair



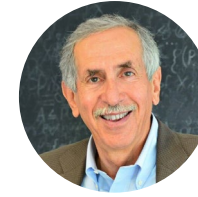
**Eva Alisic**



**Dieter Armbruster**



**Karina Batthyany**



**Alan Bernstein**



**Geoffrey Boulton**



**Naoko Ishii**



**Asma Ishmail**



**Pamela Matson**



**Lluís M. Mir**



**Sandra Mitchell**



**Barend Mons**



**Adebayo Olukoshi**



**Helena Nader**



**Ekrem Tatoglu**



**Martin Visbeck**



**Waceke Wanjohi**



**Yongguan Zhu**



**Peter Gluckman**



**Salvatore Aricò**

# Affiliated Bodies

## Research Programmes



## Data Bodies



## Observing Systems



## Networks



## Scientific Committees



**IUCAF**



# Consultative Group on Science Education: Recommendations

1. Develop Global Science Education principles
2. Foster transdisciplinary research approaches
3. Facilitate mentorship and career development
4. Mobilize and provide support to displaced scholars
5. Enhance communication with society
6. Develop a science education webpage on the ISC website
7. Create a Global Science Education Platform
8. Organize international workshops and conferences
9. Promote problem-based learning
10. Support digital technologies in education
11. Promote inclusive science education

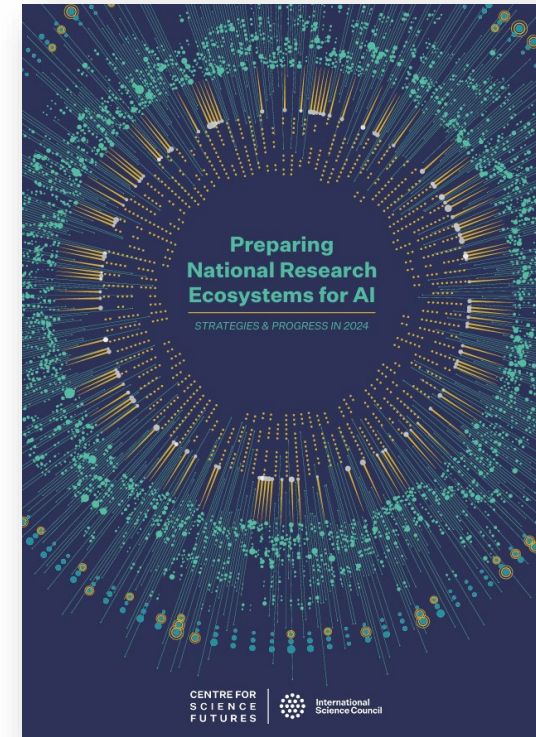


# The Centre for Science Futures

- Launched in 2023
- To convene critical discussions on science futures, science systems and science policy.
- In 2024, the Centre leveraged 750 K EUR to explore the evolution of science systems under emerging technologies, with a focus on the Global South.



Canada



*Preparing National Research  
Ecosystems for AI: Strategies  
and progress (2024)*



# The Centre for Science Futures



*Protecting Science in Times of Crisis (2024)*



*The future of research evaluation: A synthesis of current debates and developments (2023) and Snapshots of reform: Researcher evaluation within science organizations (2024)*



# Sustainability

The Transformations to Sustainability programme established **social scientists** as **leaders in sustainability research**.

Addressed social dimensions of environmental change and sustainability.

**370** researchers

**35** countries

**12** international research projects



- *Transformative Labour: The Hidden (and Not-So-Hidden) Work of Transformations to Sustainability (2024)*
- *Social Transformations to Sustainability through a Critical Lens (2024)*
- *Programme Design for Transformations to Sustainability Research (2024)*

# Sustainability

- Global Forum of Funders, convened since 2021
- Global Commission on Science Missions for Sustainability
- Call for pilot science missions for sustainability (2023)

**250** expressions of interest

**12** pilot missions launched

**2** pilot missions started co-design

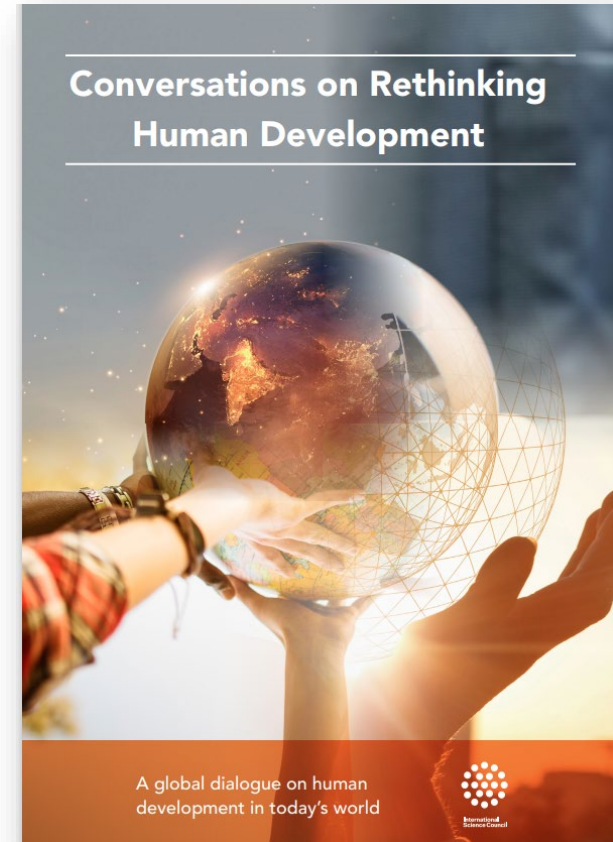


- *Unleashing Science: Delivering Missions for Sustainability (2021)*
- *Flipping the Science Model: A Roadmap to Science Missions for Sustainability (2023)*
- *Global Call for Science Missions for Sustainability (2024)*

# Sustainability

## Rethinking Human Development

- A route towards a fundamental rethink of the concept of human development in the modern world
- A mechanism to engage a wide variety
- In collaboration with the UNDP
- Lead into to work on social cohesion and affective polarisation



*Conversations on Rethinking Human Development (2020)*



# Converging science & technology in a digital era

### Data for cross domain challenges: WORLDFAIR(+)

- Advanced the FAIR principles across diverse research domains
- Eleven case studies
- Foster cross domain research through the interoperability of data
- Development of the Cross-Domain Interoperability Framework (CDIF)



*Enabling Global FAIR Data: WorldFAIR Policy Recommendations for Research Infrastructures (2024)*

### Science organizations in the Digital Age

- Collected learnings and case studies from across the ISC membership
- Based on interviews, surveys, workshops and discussions
- Aim to maintain relevance, navigate a changing digital landscape and capitalize on emerging technologies.



*Science organizations in the digital age (2024)*

# Converging science & technology in a digital era

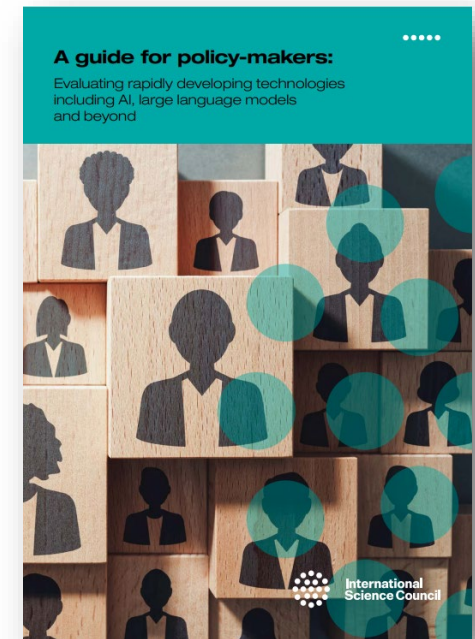


## The Coalition for Digital Environmental Sustainability

- Align Digital Advancement & Sustainability
- Mitigate negative impacts of digitalisation
- Accelerate the support of digital innovation to sustainable development
- Provide a voice into the policy side, through **the Global Digital Compact** and other key partnerships

## Decision-making around rapidly developing technologies

- Structured framework to bridge high level principles with actionable guidance
- A tool for policy-makers including a downloadable checklist



*A guide for policy-makers: Evaluating rapidly developing technologies including AI, large language models and beyond (2024)*

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# Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science



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Vice-President for Freedom and  
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International Science Council



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**Robert French**  
Former Chancellor  
University of Western Australia



**Ke Gong**  
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**Robin Grimes**  
Steele Professor of Energy Material  
Imperial College



**S. Karly Kehoe**  
ISC Fellow (2023)



**Staffan I. Lindberg**  
Professor & Director  
University of Gothenburg



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**Joyce Nyoni**  
Rector  
Institute of Social Work, Tanzania



**Sayaka Oki**  
Professor  
University of Tokyo, Japan



**Krushil Watene**  
Peter Kraus Associate Professor of  
Philosophy  
University of Auckland



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# “Scientific freedom and responsibility and the protection of scientists”



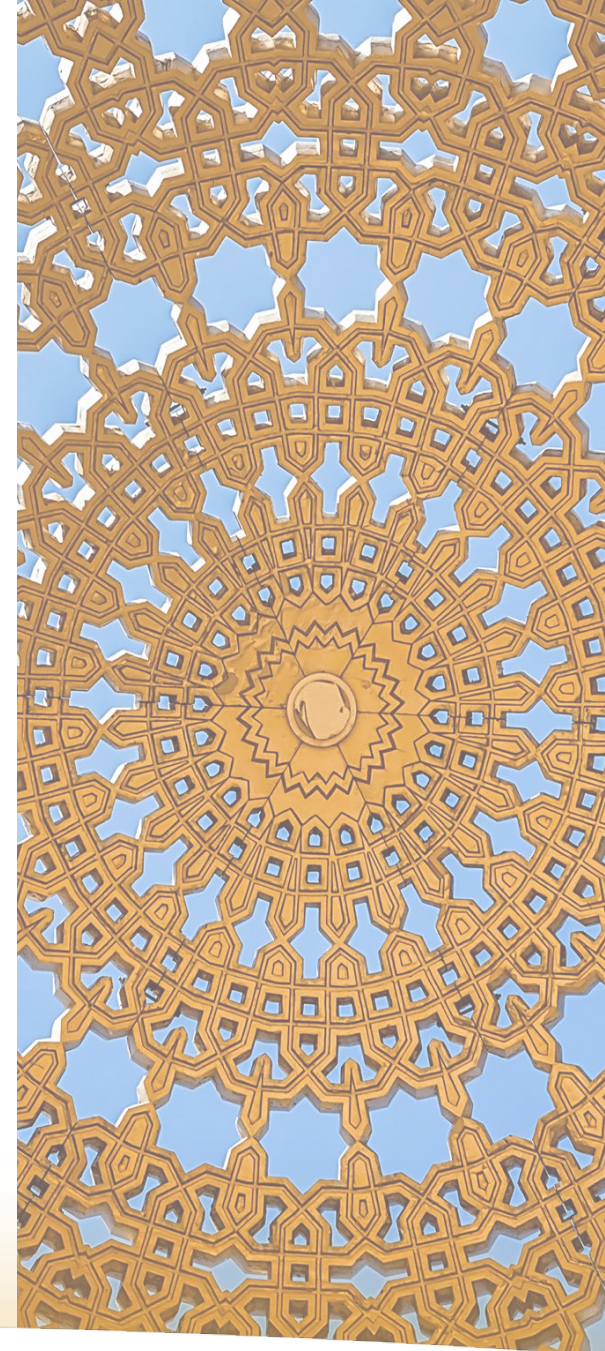
# The work of CFRS

1. Promote the principles for freedom and responsibility in science
2. Protect individual scientists and science systems
3. Work for science in the time of crisis
4. Promote gender equality and diversity in science
5. Restore **TRUST in science** as a basis for science as a global public good



# ISC's Principle of Freedom & Responsibility in Science

- i.** Freedom to access science education, training and mentoring
- ii.** Freedom to participate in knowledge production
- iii.** Freedom to promote and communicate science for the good of humanity, other life forms, ecosystems, the planet, and beyond

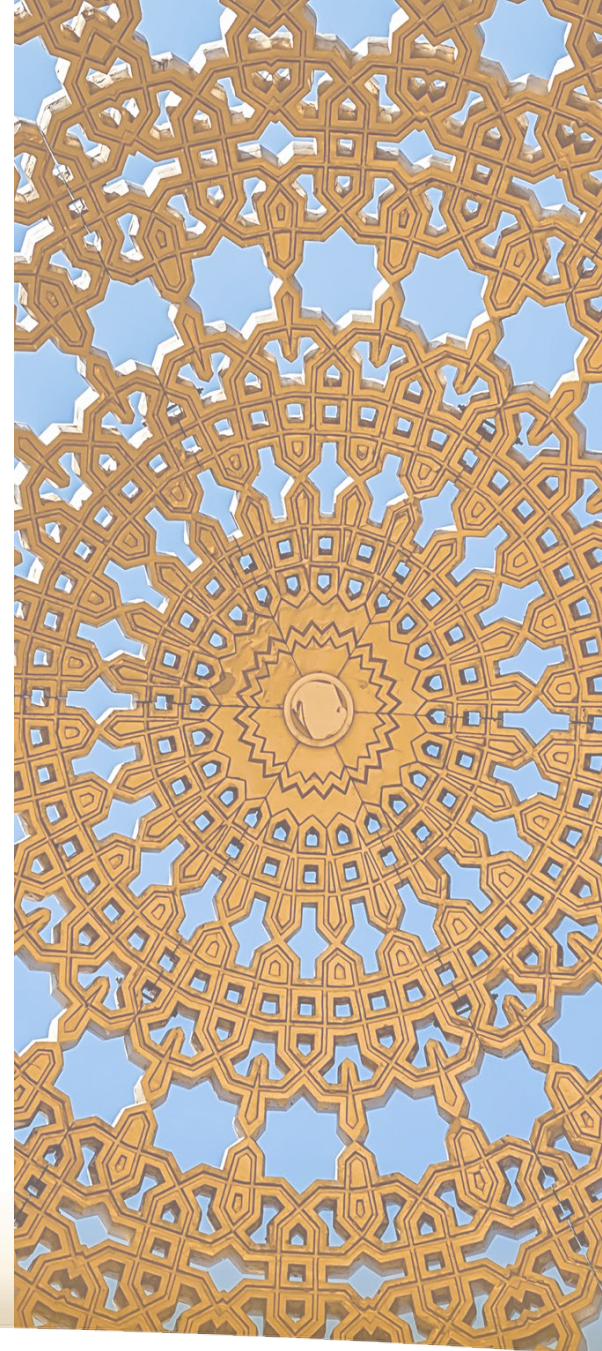


**iv.** Responsibility to promote science in ways that are equitable and inclusive of human diversity

**v.** Responsibility to ensure that research designs meet the standards of scientific validity and satisfy established ethical norm

**vi.** Responsibility to share accurate scientific information generated through theoretical, observational, experimental, and analytical approaches

**vii.** Responsibility to contribute to the effective and ethical governance of science



# Threats to Freedom in Science

- Political interference
- Economic pressures
- Misinformation and public distrust
- Ethical challenges
- Publication pressures
- Lack of diversity

## Mitigate these by:

- Advocacy for independent funding
- Strengthening ethical standards and education
- Enhancing transparency and accountability



**ISC believes that there is a universal human **right to participate in and enjoy the benefits of science**, and that it is a responsibility of governments to create and sustain the opportunities of citizens to use this right.**



# Protect individual scientists and science systems

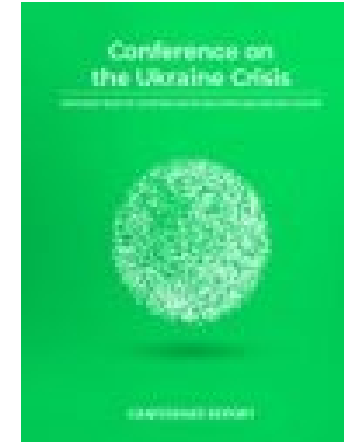
35 individual and system-based cases





# Science in Times of Crisis

- **Science-based advocacy:** Statements, blogs, podcasts focusing on the impact of crises on scientists and scientific institutions and systems
- **ISC-IAP-TWAS Science in Exile Network**
- **Joint ISC-IAP DECLARATION - Supporting at-risk, displaced and refugee scientists: A call to action**
- **Science Stakeholders Crisis Group Meetings:** time-limited, multi-stakeholder platform for information exchange and support during crises, such as in Afghanistan (2021) and Ukraine (2022). Two ISC-ALLEA co-convened conferences with accompanying reports.
- **Policy framework:** ISC report *Protecting science in times of crisis: how can we stop being reactive and become more proactive?*
- **Policy development:** UNESCO-CODATA Data Policy for Times of Crisis Facilitated by Open Science



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**#Sudan's** academic and scientific foundations are under siege. Over 100 universities have been damaged or destroyed, forcing scientists to flee.

Read more about the race to save Sudan's **#seed** bank and scientific future in our latest blog [+](#)



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# Break

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ISC Fellow (Dec 2022)



**María Estelí Jarquín**  
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UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology  
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**Naim Akhtar Khan**  
ISC Fellow (2023)



**Jahnvi Phalkey**  
Founding Director  
Science Gallery, Bengaluru



**Magdalena Stoeva**  
ISC Fellow (2023)



**Sir Peter Gluckman**  
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# Strengthening the membership base

- National Commission for Science, Technology & Innovation Kenya, Congolese Academy of Sciences
- International Consortium of Research Staff Associations, UK Academy of Medical Sciences,
- Australia, Australian Early- and Mid-Career Researchers Forum (EMCR Forum)
- Bangladesh, National Young Academy of Bangladesh (NYAB)
- Belgium, Young Academy of Belgium (Flanders),
- Canada, Royal Society of Canada's College of News Scholars, Artists and Scientists (RSC College)
- Colombia, Young Academy of Colombia, Denmark, Danish Young Academy
- Ghana, Ghana Young Academy (GhYA), India, Young Academy of India
- Indonesia, Indonesian Young Academy of Sciences (ALMI)
- TWAS Young Affiliates Network (TYAN), Nigeria, Nigerian Young Academy (NYA)
- Pakistan, National Academy of Young Scientists Pakistan (NAYS)
- Spain, Young Academy of Spain, Young Academy of Europe, International Association of Physics Students
- Ethiopian Academy of Science, Sudanese Academy, Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research
- Botswana Academy of Science, Polish Young Academy, Indian National Young Academy of Sciences
- Academy of Sciences of Ecuador, Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts, Rwanda Academy of Sciences
- Czech Academy of Sciences, Social Science Research Council
- International Water Association
- International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research
- International Federation for Information Processing
- International Studies Association
- International Economic Association
- International Society for Ecological Economics
- World Association for Public Opinion Research
- Association of Science and Technology Centers



# Global Knowledge Dialogues and Mid-term membership meeting



## Africa

South Africa  
December 2022



## Asia and the Pacific

Malaysia  
October 2023



## Latin America and the Caribbean

Chile  
April 2024



## Global

France  
May 2023

# New young Member organizations

- Australian Early- and Mid-Career Researcher Forum
- College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists of the Royal Society of Canada
- Danish Young Academy
- Ghana Young Academy
- Indonesian Young Academy of Science
- International Association of Physics Students
- National Academy of Young Scientists Pakistan
- National Young Academy of Bangladesh
- Indian National Young Academy of Science
- Nigerian Young Academy
- Polish Young Academy
- TWAS Young Affiliates Network
- Young Academy of Belgium
- Young Academy of Colombia
- Young Academy of Europe
- Young Academy of India
- Young Academy of Spain



# Awards

## Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research (5000 €)

2024: Anu Bradford  
2023: Elisabeth Anderson  
2022: Vineeta Yadav



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## Frontiers Planet Prize: Science for a Sustainable Planet (USD \$3.2m)

2024 International Champions  
Dr. Pedro Jaureguiberry  
Prof. Peter Haase  
Prof. Jason Rohr





# Sponsorship and endorsement

From October 2021 to December 2024, the ISC endorsed or sponsored many initiatives in different domains of science, including:

- Space research
- Trust in science
- Sustainability
- Science advice
- Ocean science
- Crystallography
- Speleology



*ISC Sponsorship and Endorsement Policy (2023)*

# Membership engagement

- Weekly newsletter with opportunities for involvement in ISC activities
- Members WhatsApp community
- Membership Notice Board
- Monthly Zoom sessions
- Bilateral meetings with ISC HQ upon request
- Invite GB members for welcome remarks to your conference
- NEW: Working groups

# ISC Fellowship

**The Fellowship is an honour awarded to those who champion science in society and policy-making.**

Since its creation in 2022, the ISC has honoured **224** eminent scientists, engineers and thought-leaders from science-policy as its Fellows.

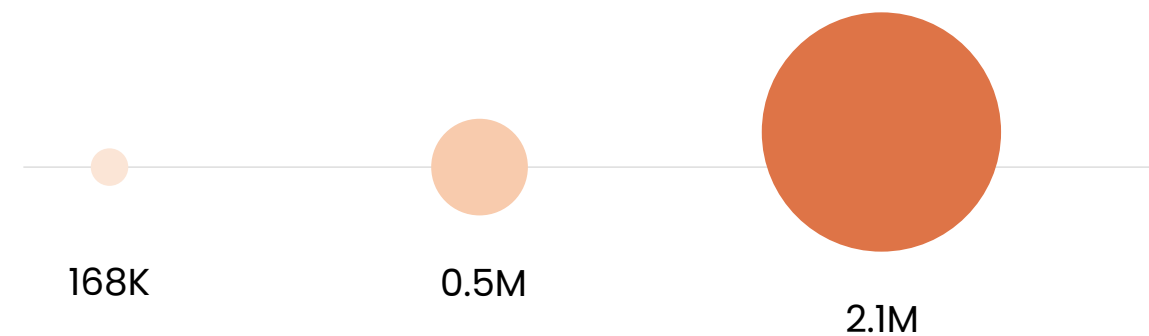


# Communications highlights

A critical element to fulfilling our mission –  
to be **the global voice for science**



# Website reach



(Reach, in pageviews)



# Website reach



(Geographic distribution of users, 2024)



# Newsletters

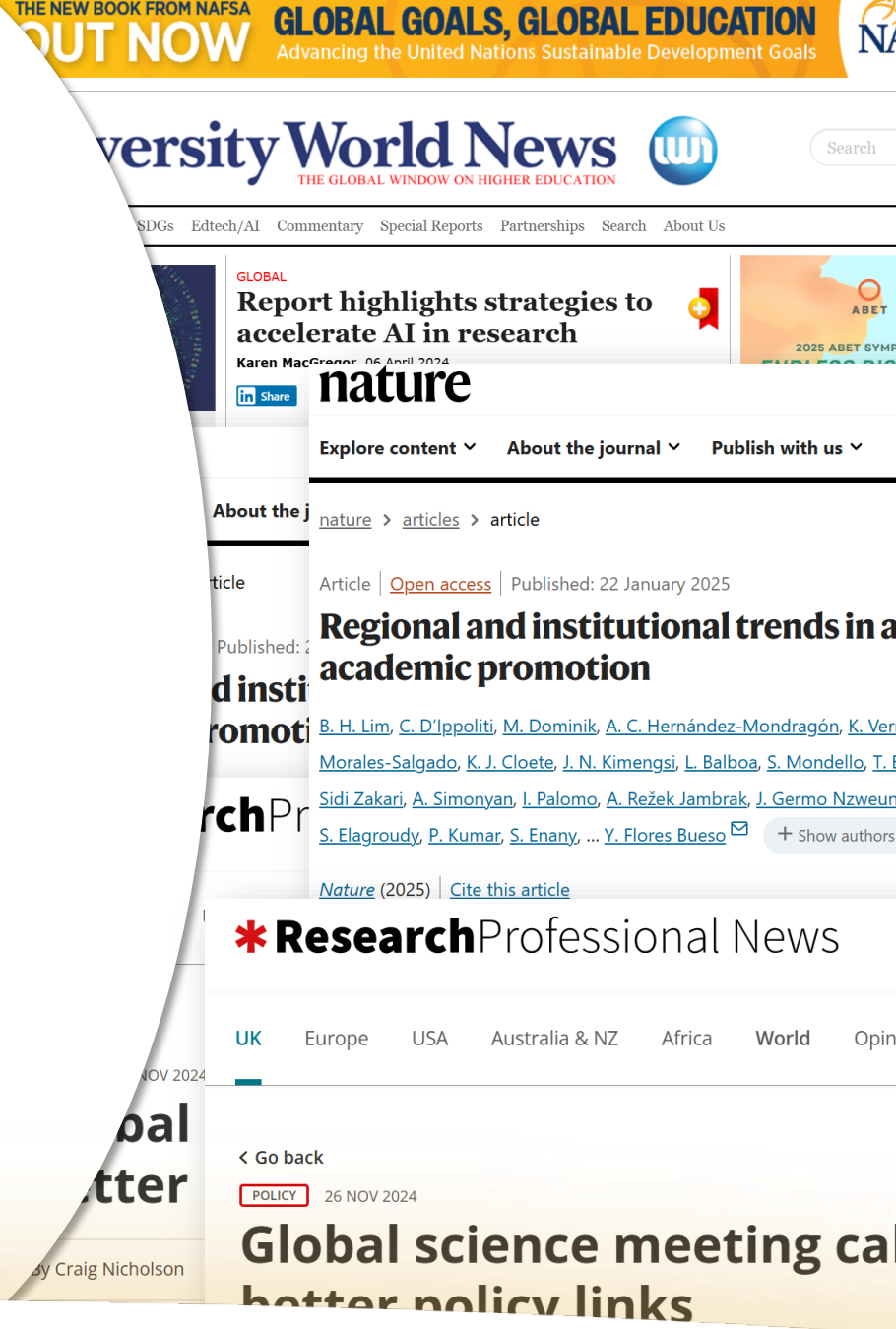
## Over 300K recipients in 2024

- *ISC Monthly*
- Science at the United Nations
- Open Science round-up
- Early and Mid-Career Researchers (EMCR)
- Science for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Centre for Science Futures
- Regional updates: Latin America and the Caribbean
- Regional updates: Asia-Pacific

# Media relations

3,600 media mentions per year

- News releases
- Op-eds
- Interviews
- Notable outputs





# Publications

- Policy briefs
- Discussion papers
- Reports
- Frameworks
- Position papers
- Advisory notes
- Strategy documents



# 11. Progress on resolutions of the 2021 GA

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2. ISC and the multilateral system – Julia Marton-Lefevre



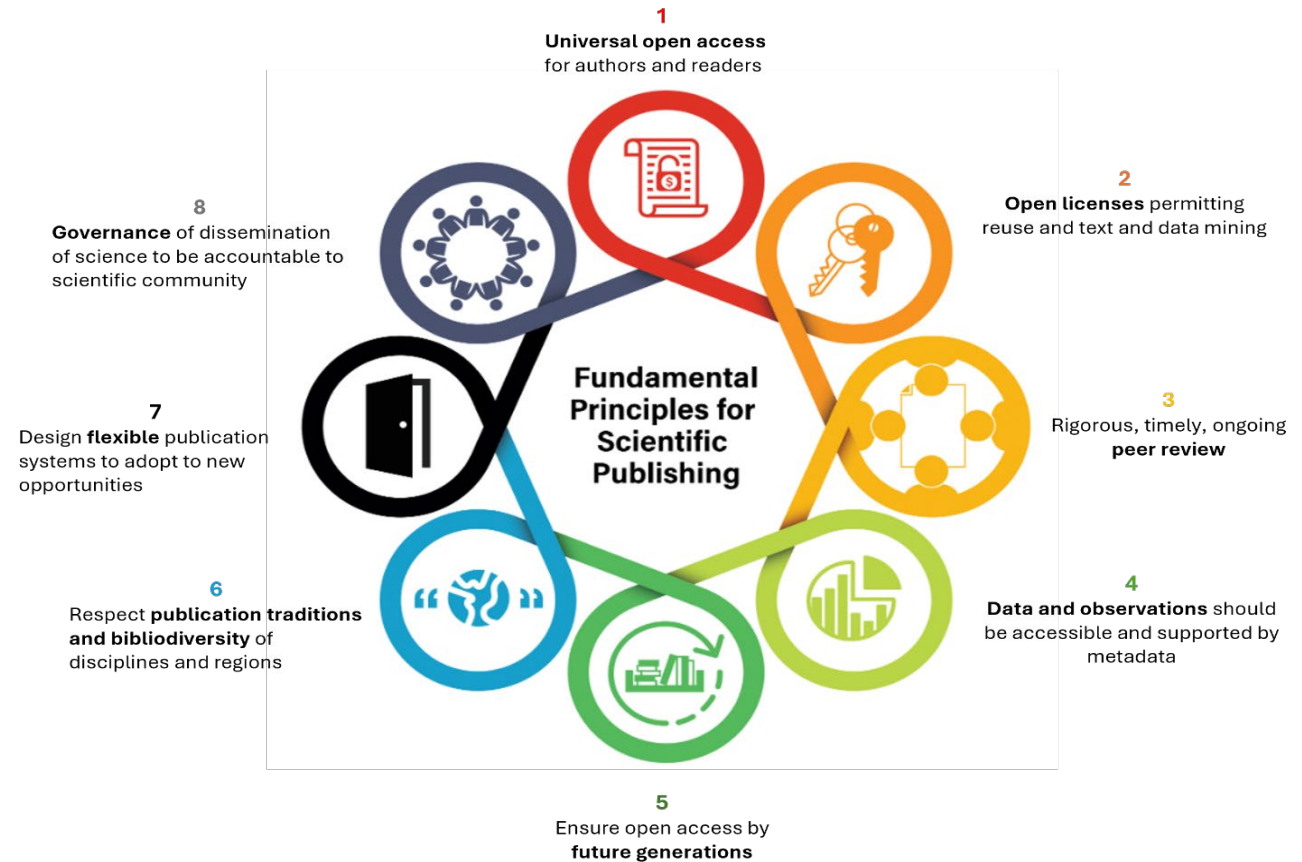
# The Future of Scientific Publishing

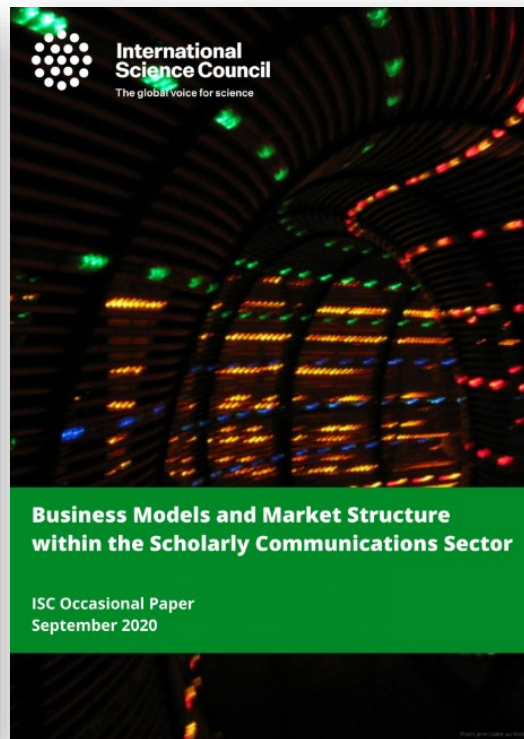
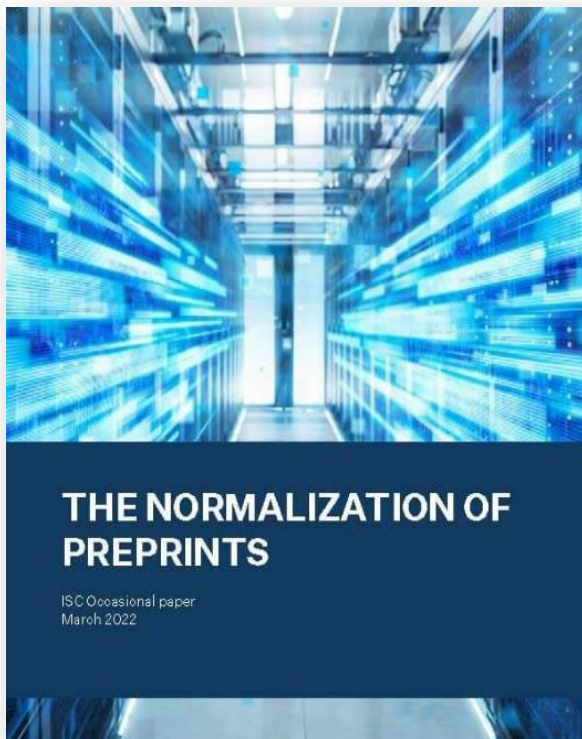
- Initial Working Group created in 2020
- A series of community consultations led to report in 2021: *Opening the Record of Science: making scholarly publishing work for science in the Digital Era*
- Adopted as an **ISC position paper**
- Proposes a series of **normative principles**
- Describes the **current publishing landscape** and its trajectory of evolution
- **Identifies issues** that need to be addressed



# Resolution to endorse principles by ISC members

- ISC Members at the 2021 General Assembly endorsed guiding principles for reform.
- Have provided a solid foundation for discussion and building partnerships on shared goals
- The project, aimed at ISC Members and key stakeholders (funders, universities, researchers and publishers) seeks to build a coalition to drive transformative change in line with the principles





# The Future of Scientific Publishing

- As a culmination of this phase of work, the ISC released papers evaluating the extent to which the principles are attained and identifying opportunities for reform.
- Both papers were open to feedback from the ISC membership.



# The Future of Scientific Publishing

## Building global networks

- **Ongoing engagement with members:** For e.g., in 2022, a series of **online knowledge-sharing events** for ISC Members and Affiliated Bodies on open science and scientific publishing.
- **Series of regional discussions** with partners in South Asia, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East to build a nuanced and representative take on the need and priorities for reform
- Involved in international and regional networks through supporting various interlinked efforts from collecting and providing member feedback for the **UNESCO Recommendation** on Open Science to participating in the setting up of the **APEC Open Science Alliance**.

# Changing gear

High-level strategic initiative with several discrete elements including

- Scientific publishing
- Research assessment
- Intellectual property issues
- Data collection/storage/distribution
- Other related areas



The initial priority will be to build on ongoing work on publishing and research assessment.



# Changing gear

## ISC as a convenor of actors to drive dialogue, consensus and steer change in science systems

The scope of actors to mobilize would include (but is not limited to):

- ISC Members
- Other international organizations working on publishing, research assessment and related areas
- Universities/Research Institutes
- Research Funders (national and philanthropic)
- Publishers (commercial and non-commercial)
- Patent Offices/Organizations
- Copyright organizations
- AI companies
- Networks like COARA and DORA

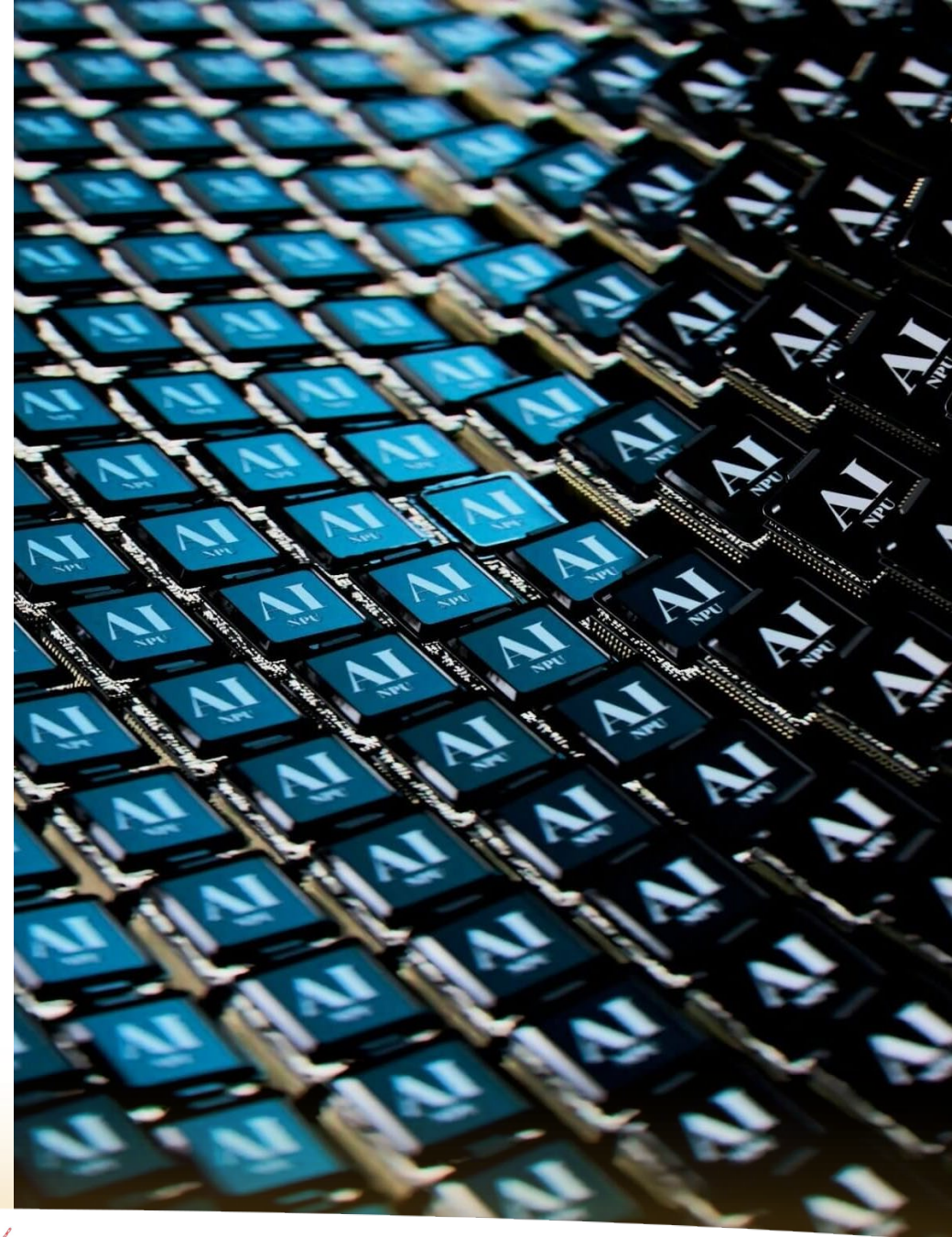
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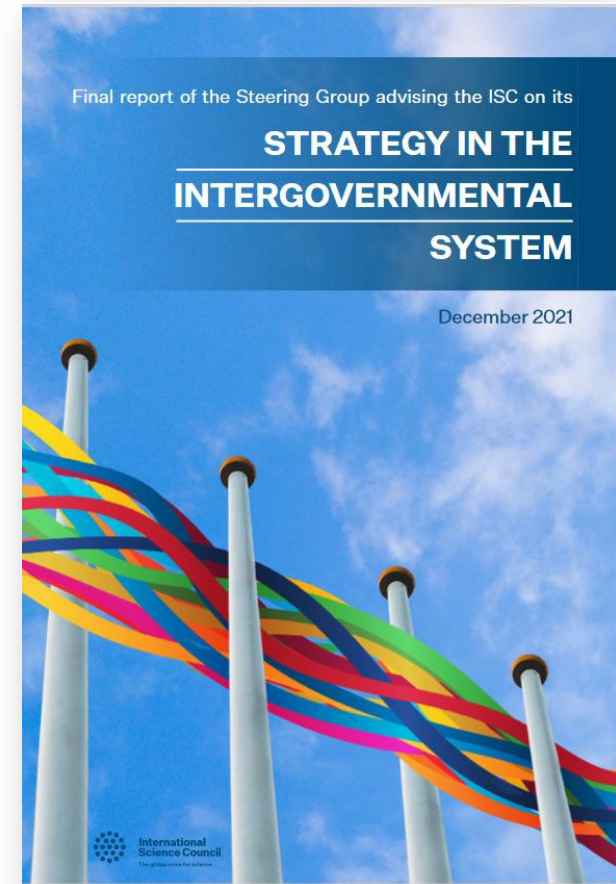
# The context

- Polarization, old and new geopolitical divides, conflicts
- Science and technology as tool for competition
- Disillusionment with the multilateral system
- Trust in science and in institutions uncertain
- Rise in mis-information and dis-information
- Inequalities among countries in access to and benefit from Science and Technology

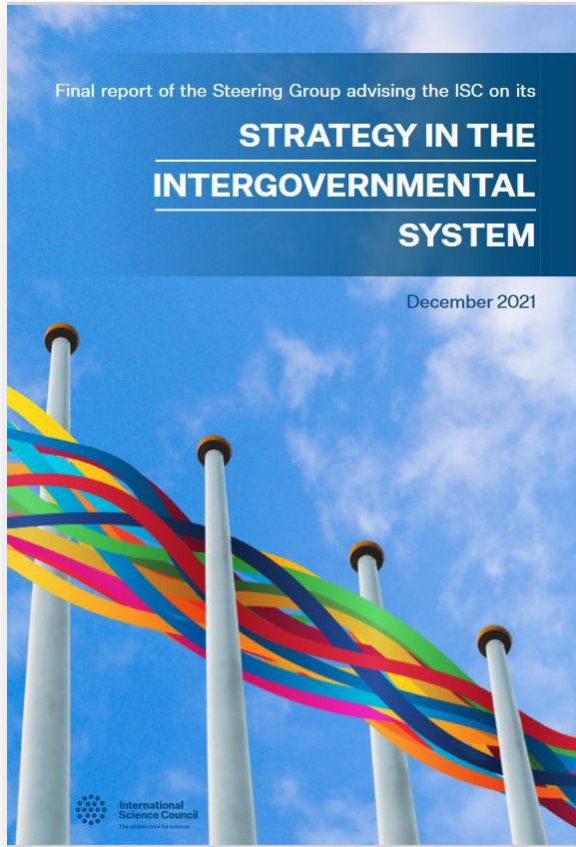


# Steering Group set up in February 2021

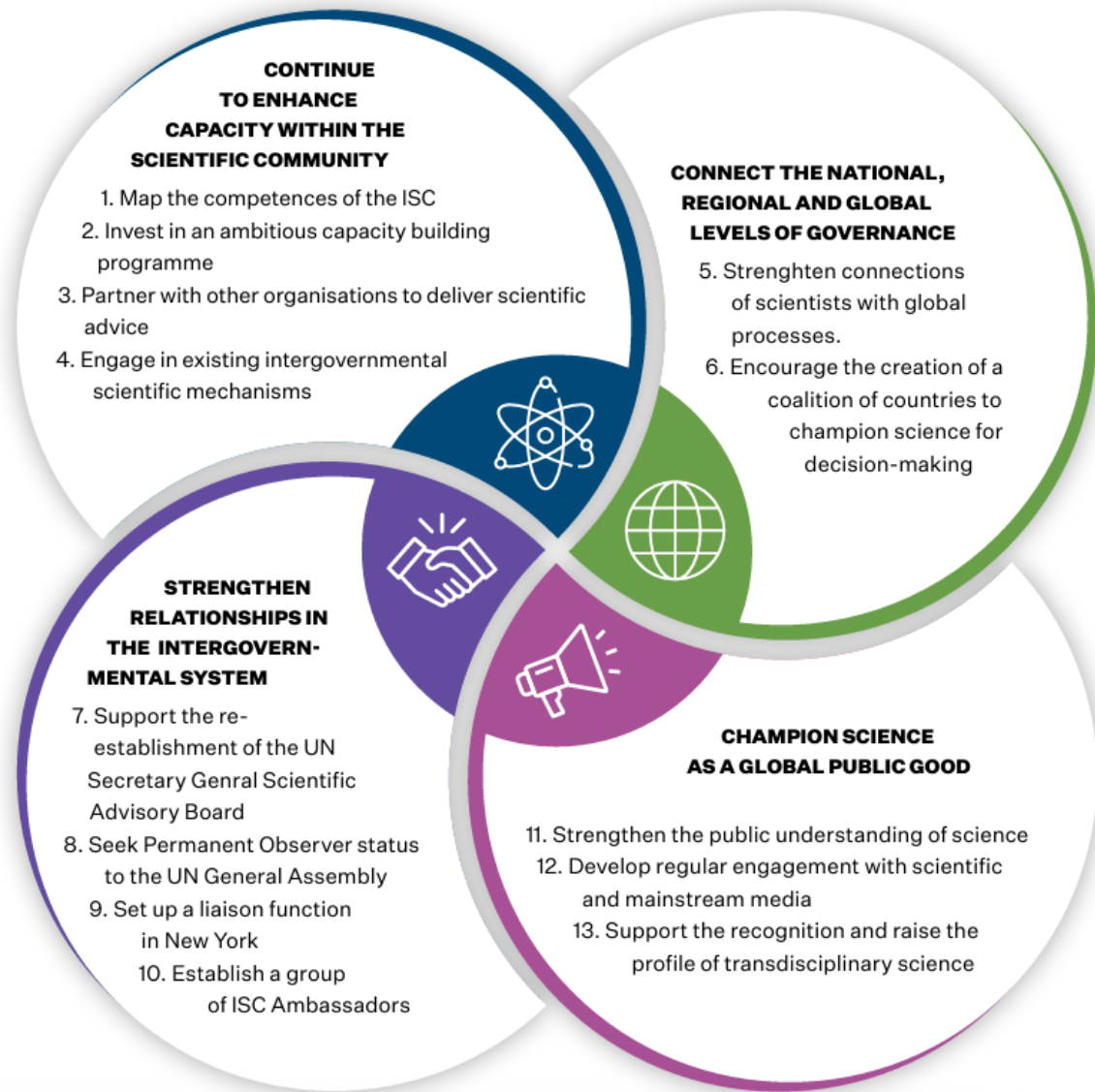
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# Resolution 1 from 2021 ISC GA

The General Assembly recognizes the urgent need for science to have greater influence and impact on policy making and programming at all levels of governance.

We welcome the recommendations of the Council's international Steering Group on the role of the ISC in the intergovernmental system. We also welcome the United Nations Secretary General's intention to re-establish the Secretary General's Scientific Advisory Board and strongly endorse the ISC's intention to engage actively in supporting its development and effective operation in order to fully integrate scientific evidence into international policy making.

The General Assembly requests the new Governing Board to respond to the Steering Group's recommendations through the development of an action-oriented strategy that fully mobilizes the scientific and policy expertise of ISC members, partners and broader international networks.

# Partnerships

- **Additional Memoranda of Understanding** signed recently with key UN organisations: WHO, FAO, UNEP, UNU
- **Activities** delivered jointly or in collaboration with multilateral partners e.g.
  - International standards, frameworks (UNESCO on open science, right to science)
  - Horizon scanning (UNEP on foresight)
  - Technical guidance (Hazard terminology with UNDRR and other technical UN organisations)

# Key achievements

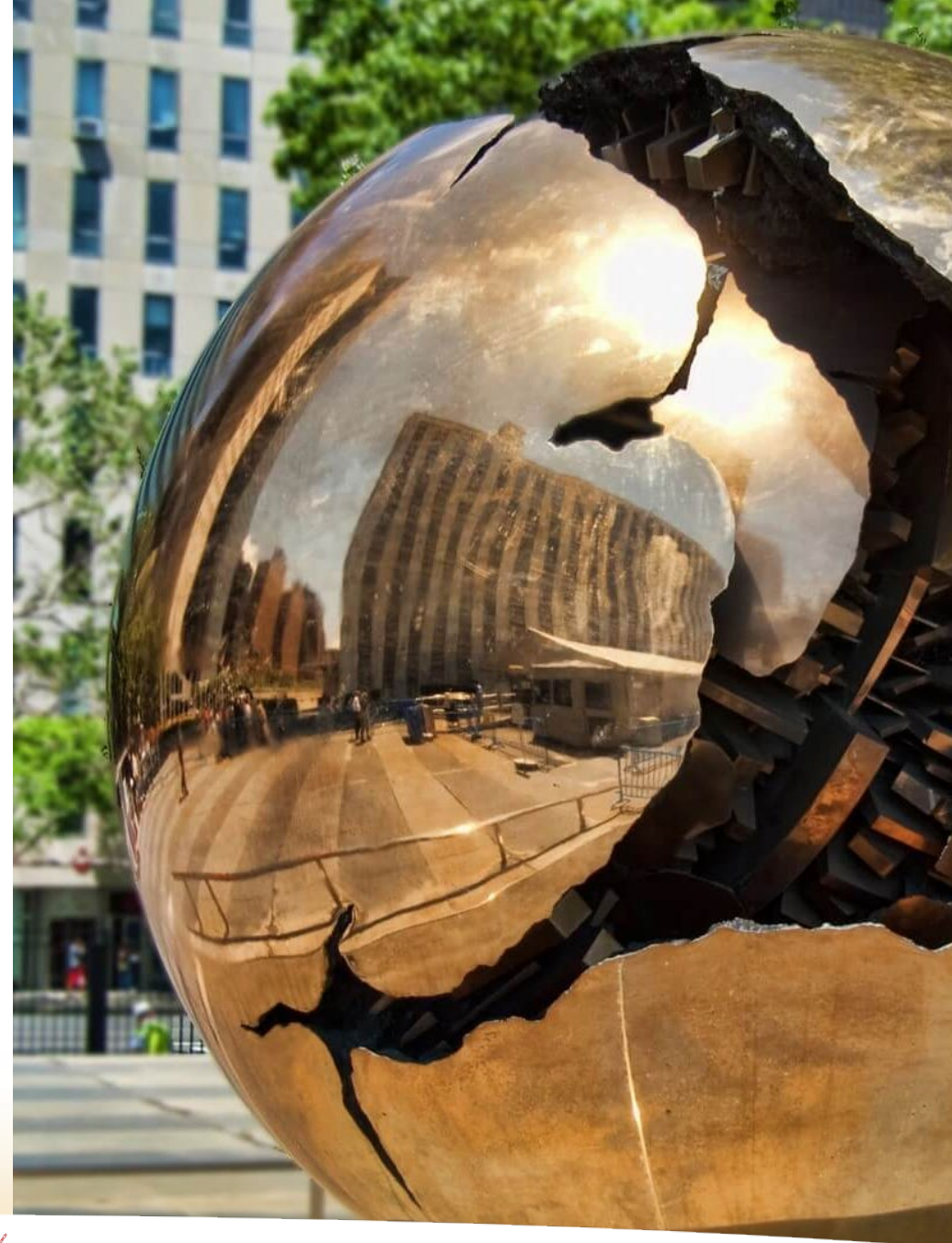
- Engages with the UN Secretary-General's **Scientific Advisory Board** since 2024 as network organisation
- Joint secretariat of the **Group of Friends on Science for Action** for UNGA with UNESCO, launched in 2023, co-chaired by Belgium, India, South Africa
- **Advise** UN member states and multilateral organisations on science (SDGs, Biological Weapons Convention, Plastic Pollution Treaty under negotiation, etc.)
- Contribute nominations to established **science-policy mechanisms** (IPCC, IPBES, etc.)





# Capabilities

- ISC members contributing nominations of experts
- Dedicated Unit within the secretariat
- Full time presence in New York since 2023 to liaise with diplomats and partners organisations
- Presence in Geneva under discussion
- Fundraising



# Going forward

- Science advice and diplomacy on global issues, bridging the S&T gaps across countries
- Strengthen connections at national, regional and global levels
- Acting and being recognised as an umbrella
- Develop a mechanism to deliver quick and robust science-based advice
- Engage with a variety of public and private actors beyond the multilateral system



# Reception

18:30 – 19:30

