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Deadline for nominations: 31 July 2026

The International Science Council (ISC) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) are seeking nominations of experts to review the second-order draft of the **2027 Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR)**.

Background

The Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) was mandated by United Nations Member States in *The Future We Want*, the outcome document of the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). Within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the GSDR contributes to the follow-up and review of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and serves as a major input to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). The report aims to strengthen the science-policy-society interface and provide evidence-based guidance on sustainable development challenges and pathways.

Member States decided in 2016 that the GSDR should be produced every four years to inform the quadrennial SDG Summit. The report is prepared by an Independent Group of Scientists (IGS) appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General. The IGS consists of [15 experts](#) representing a broad range of scientific disciplines, institutional backgrounds, and world regions, with attention to geographical and gender balance.

Building on the legacy of the previous reports, *The Future is Now* (2019) and *Times of Crisis, Times of Change* (2023), the next GSDR will be launched in September 2027 ahead of the 2027 SDG Summit. As the international community enters the final years of the 2030 Agenda, the report will provide scientific guidance on the state of sustainable development, identify emerging challenges and opportunities, and offer actionable recommendations to accelerate progress towards poverty eradication and sustainable development.

The report is intended to support policymakers and other stakeholders by synthesizing the best available knowledge and presenting it in an accessible and policy-relevant manner. It will be relevant not only to governments, but also to the scientific community, civil society, the private sector and the wider public.

GSDR structure and approach

The GSDR follows an "assessment of assessments" approach, drawing on a broad range of existing scientific and scholarly knowledge. It synthesizes evidence across disciplines and sectors to identify pathways towards sustainable development and to strengthen integrated decision-making.

The Independent Group of Scientists began work on the 2027 report in October 2025. The report is exploring a number of interconnected themes, including:

- Understanding today's pressures and emerging challenges affecting sustainable development;
- Overcoming barriers to integrated action across sectors, scales and stakeholders;

- Reducing inequalities and advancing justice as essential conditions for sustainable development;
- Accountability as a driver of transformation and implementation; and
- Achieving sustainable development beyond 2030 while maintaining momentum on the SDGs.

As in previous editions, the report will seek to identify practical, evidence-based recommendations that can support transformative action and strengthen the contribution of science to policymaking and implementation.

The scientific review

UN DESA has requested the ISC to coordinate an independent scientific review of the draft 2027 GSDR.

The review has three main objectives:

1. To ensure that the report addresses the most significant issues relevant to sustainable development and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
2. To ensure that the report reflects balanced contributions from across disciplines, including the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, medical and health sciences, engineering and technology.
3. To ensure that the report accurately reflects the state of scientific knowledge and broad scientific consensus regarding sustainable development challenges, opportunities and pathways for action.

The ISC is therefore inviting nominations of experts from its [Members](#), [Affiliated Bodies](#) and partner organizations¹ to participate in the review. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Reviewers should be active researchers, practitioners or policy experts with relevant expertise in one or more areas covered by the report. Expertise from a broad range of disciplines and sectors is encouraged, including interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary perspectives. Familiarity with international sustainable development processes and the science-policy interface will be an asset.

The ISC particularly welcomes nominations that contribute to disciplinary, geographical, gender and career-stage diversity among reviewers.

Reviewers will serve in their personal capacity and on a voluntary basis. Reviews must be submitted in English. Reviewers will receive acknowledgement in the report.

The review is expected to take place between **early September and early October 2026**. The draft report to be reviewed is expected to be approximately 150 pages.

For any questions regarding the review process, please contact James Waddell at james.waddell@council.science with "GSDR 2027 Review" in the subject line.

¹ Eligible partner organizations include: InterAcademy Partnership (IAP), World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO), International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH), Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA), Global Young Academy (GYA), Abdus Salman International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), International Network for Governmental Science Advice (INGSA), Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD), Southern Voice, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ).

How to nominate an expert

Nominations should be submitted through the [online nomination form](#) by **31 July 2026**. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Please note only complete nominations received by the deadline will be considered.

Nomination form: <https://council.science/news/call-nominations-gsdr-2027/>

Information requested:

Nominating organization

- Organization name*
- Name of nominating person*
- Email address of nominating person*

Reviewer details

- Full name*
- Institution*
- Institution type*
- Position/title*
- Is the nominee affiliated with a member organization and/or Affiliated Body of the ISC?*
- Is the nominee affiliated with any of the partner organizations of the ISC?*
- Email address*
- Gender (optional)
- Nationality*
- Region*
- Career stage*

Areas of expertise

- Please indicate the nominee's main areas of expertise and provide a short description, including 3 most recent relevant publications, and experience related to sustainable development or science-policy interfaces.*
- Please select the themes of the GSDR 2027 in which the reviewer has expertise.*

Additional information

- Upload a CV for the reviewer*
- Alternatively, share a link to a biography or professional profile*
- Confirmation of availability during the review period (early September to early October)*