

# Science Technology and Innovation for Implementing 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda



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from commitments to results*'**

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**Looking back in history**

**It was  
SPUTNIK**

**Sputnik was the beginning of  
space-based observation which  
has totally changed our way of  
seeing our planet.**

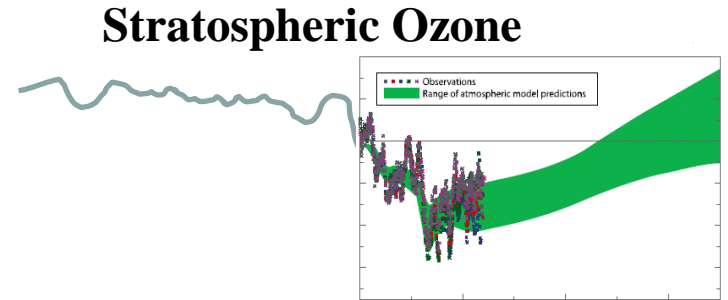
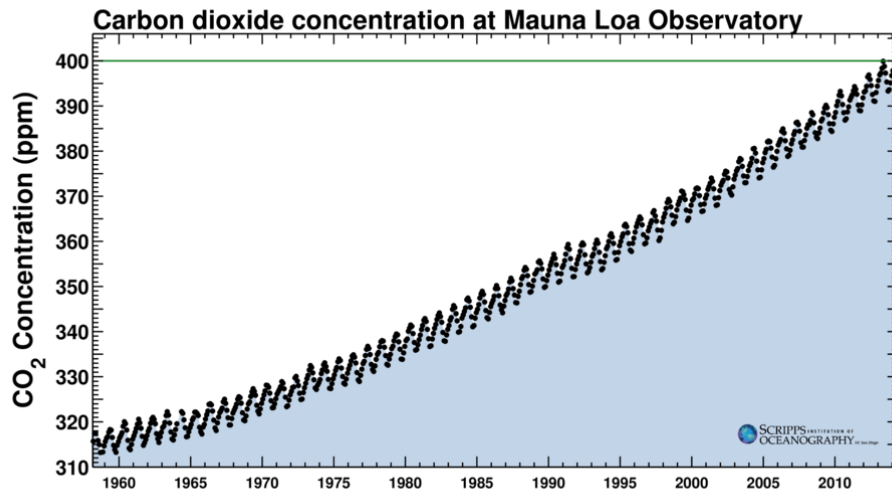


**In 1957, I stood with my parents and  
brothers, looking up to the sky.**

**Something was passing overhead –  
far up there and barely visible.**

As I learned about climate change, I learned about

Then the ozone layer, I learned about the measurements of stratospheric ozone.



First systematic measurements of the ozone layer. Started in 1957 and continue today

Measurements started in 1957

1957 –quite a year – next year it will be 60 years ago

- Sputnik
- First systematic global carbon dioxide measurements
- First systematic global stratospheric ozone measurements
- WHY?
- The International Geophysical Year (IGY)
- of the International Council for Science (ICSU)



**120 National Members, 31 Unions/Associations by discipline.**

**Mission of the International Council for Science - “to strengthen international science for the benefit of society”; for all societies**

**Vision - for a world where excellence in science (all sciences) is effectively translated into policy making and socio-economic development.**

- ***universal and equitable access to scientific data and information***
- ***all countries - scientific capacity - generating new knowledge - establish own development pathways in a sustainable manner.***

**Key priorities and associated activities:**

- **Science for Policy - and policy for science**
- **Universality of Science – freedom to do**
  - + **responsibility of science**
- **International Research Collaboration**

# Science for Evidence-Based Decision Making

16. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

**1. Responsibilities in the conduct of science** - The responsibility to contribute to post-2015 frameworks, including the Sendai Framework, Agenda 2030, Paris Climate Agreement and the upcoming new Urban Agenda

**2. Leave no scientists behind** - The policy community has the responsibility, working with scientific community, of “leaving no scientists behind”

**3. Science and Technology for SUSTAINABLE**

**Development** - Role of the Commission on Science and Technology towards the attainment of Sustainable Development.

# International Research Collaboration – and Science for Policy



- 1970's – increased interest in climate change - 1979 - 1st World Climate Conference
- 1980 - **ICSU** and WMO create World Climate Research Programme
- 1986 – **ICSU** creates Global Change
  - IGBP Research Programme -
- 1988 – WMO and UNEP create IPCC - WCRP and IGBP are main producers of science – then and now
- 1990 – first IPCC Assessment to 2nd World Climate Conference – feeds into Rio Summit - UNFCCC – 1992
- 1991 – **ICSU** and partners create Global Research Program on Biodiversity - Diversitas



# International Research Collaboration – and Science for Policy



- 1992 –lack of involvement of scientist from developing world, →Global Environmental Change START –
  - capacity enhancement in Africa-Asia.



- 1994 - Inter-American Institute for Global Change



- 1996 – **ICSU**, ISSC, UNU created International Human Dimensions of GEC Programme



- 1997 – Kyoto Protocol – based on science as assessed by IPCC

2004 – Indian Ocean tsunami → 2005 - 2nd Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction – Hyogo Framework for Action

- 2008 – **ICSU**, UNISDR, ISSC create Integrated Research on Disaster Risk Programme

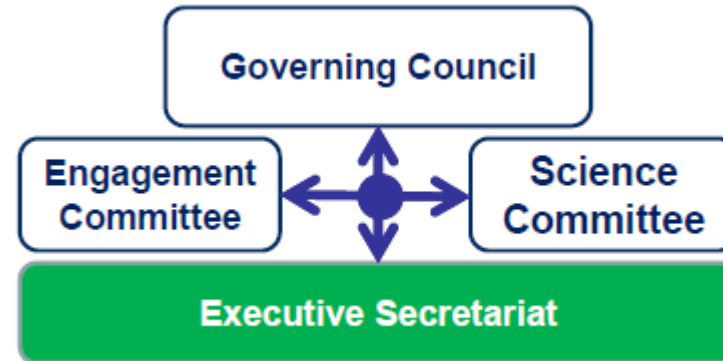


- 2012 – **ICSU**, UNU, IAMP create Urban Health and Wellbeing Programme – a systems approach



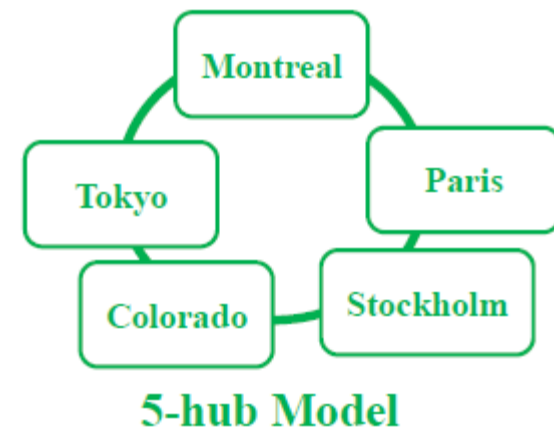
# International Research Collaboration – Integrated science and sustainable development

- 2011-12 – **Integrated science and sustainable development**
- Future Earth transition team – initial design
- 2014 – Strategic Research Agenda
- 2015 – Governance



## appointment of Executive Director

Prof. Paul Srivastava, Concordia University, Montreal







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research for global sustainability

# Themes

## Goal:

**To provide the knowledge required for societies in the world to face risks posed by global environmental change and to seize opportunities in a transition to global sustainability**



**STS Forum**

**SDSN**

**Dynamic Planet**

projecting environment

Model

system

trends

holds

coasts

tropical forests

polar regions

global development

Transformations towards sustainability

**Dynamic Planet**

- states-trends
- critical zones

**Global Development**

clear

resources

diversity

services

state change

food security

water availability

healthy environment

**Global Development**

- stewardship of resources
- ecosystem services

**Transformations towards Sustainability**

decision making

regional enforcement

**Transformations towards Sustainability**

- innovation, ideas
- megacities

# Fostering co-design and co-production of knowledge under Future Earth

Science Committee



Engagement Committee

Opportunities – and invitation to:

- UN CSTD
- And all nations and organizations to be involved

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research for global sustainability

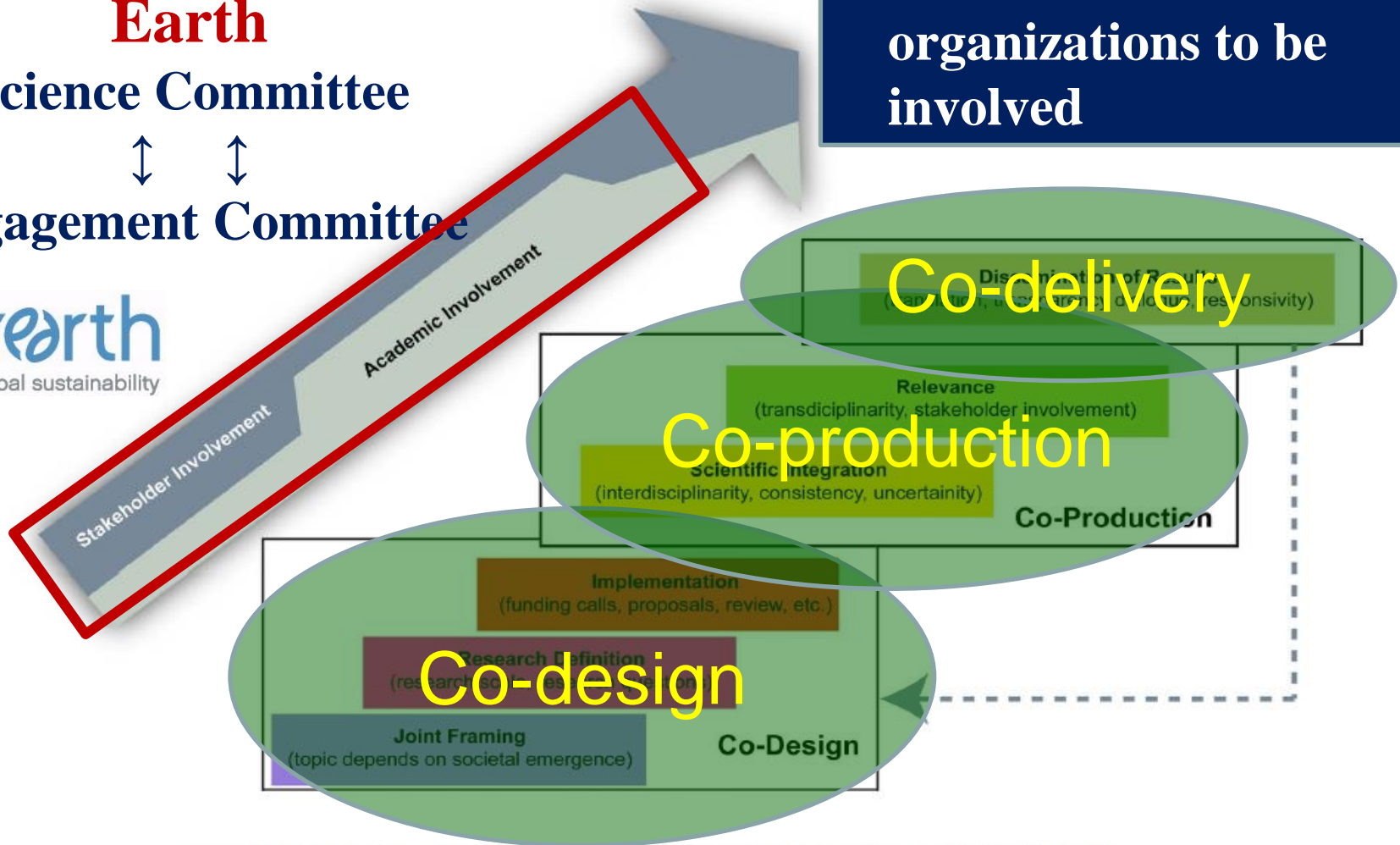


Figure 1: Steps and involvement in co-design and co-production of scientific knowledge<sup>4</sup>

## Science & the Sustainable Development Goals

### INSIGHTS

Enzyme sensitizes plants to TNT pollution p. 1082  
The complicated legacy of Ernest Lawrence p. 1082



#### PERSPECTIVES

##### SUSTAINABILITY

### Sustainable development agenda: 2030

Building knowledge-based societies is key to transformative technologies

By William Colglazier

On 25 to 27 September, United Nations member states will formally adopt the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as key elements of the post-2015 development agenda (1), successors to the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that focused attention from 2000 to 2015. The final 2030 agenda text for adoption proposes 17 SDGs with 169 targets, to be supplemented in 2016 with numerous indicators. All of the text emphasizing science, technology, and innovation (STI) is most welcome but achieving desired outcomes by 2030 will require deep understanding of how to maximize the contributions of STI. Having had the privilege of addressing this topic to the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) that will oversee the SDG effort, I discuss areas that I believe are essential to success. I focus on three issues: (i) using the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) process to bridge SDGs and scientific communities, (ii) choosing targets, indicators, and roadmaps related to STI, and (iii) the imperative of building knowledge-based societies.

**BRIDGE SCIENCE AND SDGs.** Science can contribute to achieving the SDGs in four general areas: what science can do (i) challenges, (ii) actions that can make a difference, (iii) monitoring progress, and (iv) innovative solutions (see the photos). Preparatory materials for the UN Summit include an important document, the 2015 GSDR, prepared by UN staff and agencies to highlight and strengthen the "science-policy interface" (2). The 2015 GSDR, to be a forerunner of future editions, highlights an integrative perspective; linkages among SDGs;



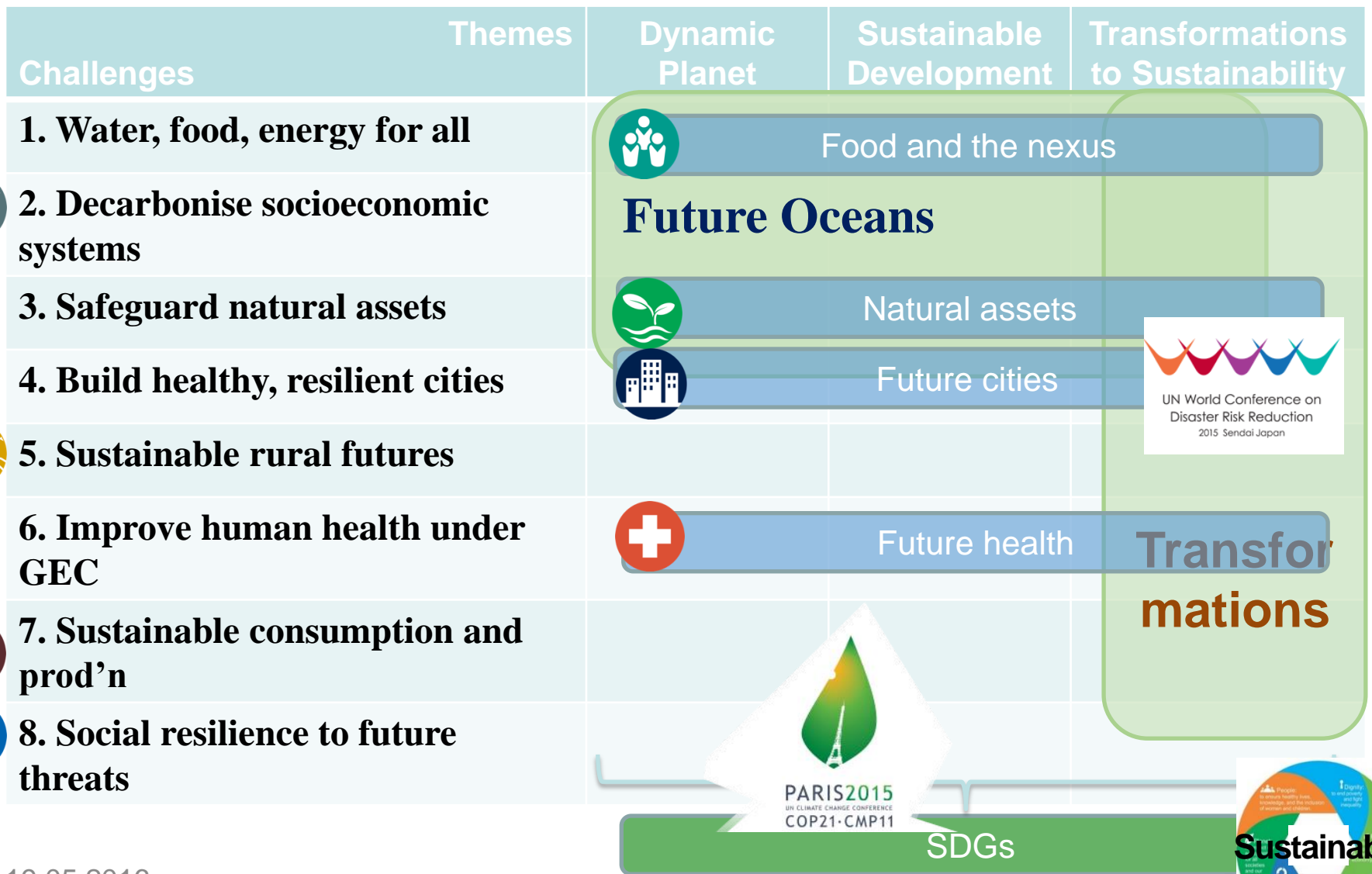
**Milk chiller for farmers.** In Motor, Tamil Nadu, India, Promethean Power System's RapidMilk Chiller chills milk instantly to 4°C (39°F), uses a thermal battery instead of diesel fuel, and can chill up to 1000 liters of milk per day in areas with intermittent grid power. Sorin Gama, cofounder of Promethean Power, and Karim Choudhury of Sangam, an investor, are testing the first of more than 100 milk chillers planned in rural India.

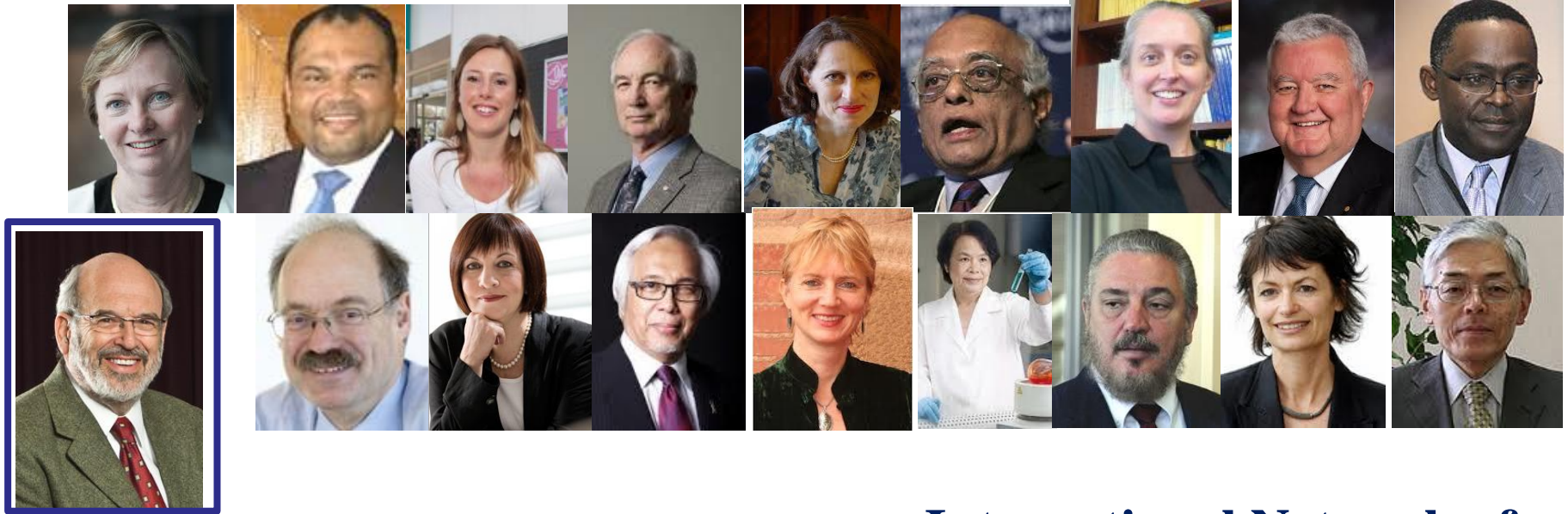
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# Building Knowledge Action Networks





**INGSA provides a forum for policy makers, practitioners, academics, and academics to share experience, build capacity and develop theoretical and practical approaches to the use of scientific evidence in informing policy at all levels of government.**

**International Network of Government Sciences Advisers – 650 members**  
**1<sup>st</sup> mtg - Auckland, 2014**  
**- Major events - biannually**  
**- Workshops – regularly**  
**- <http://www.ingsa.org/>**

# Science Policy - Open Data in a Big Data World



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Science International 2015 *twas*

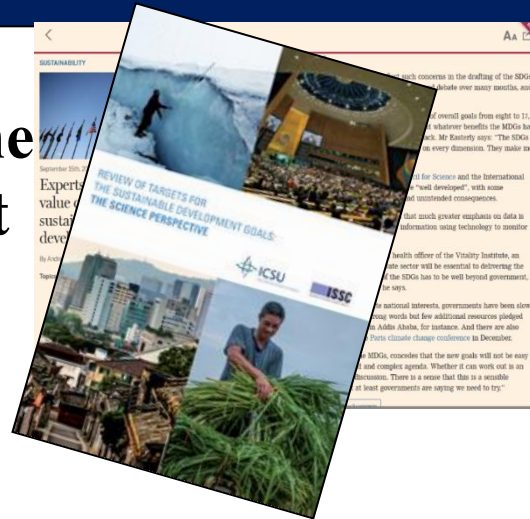
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HEALTH  
the interacademy partnership

## OPEN DATA IN A BIG DATA WORLD - AN INTERNATIONAL ACCORD

- **International science - global voice of science in addressing issues of policy for science.**
- **The Accord**
  - **opportunities and challenges of the data revolution - predominant issues for global science policy.**
  - **fundamental principles ...be adopted in response.**
  - **distinctive voice of the scientific community**
  - **fundamental pre-requisite - rigour of scientific inquiry and maximising public benefit ... in both developed and developing countries.**
- **...promote discussion and adoption of these principles and their endorsement by ... bodies of science at national and international levels.**

**1<sup>st</sup> ICSU/ISSC Report  
“Review of Targets for the  
Sustainable Development  
Goals: the science  
perspective” launched at  
UN in February 2016**



**Global Sustainable  
Development  
Report (GSDR) -**

**➤ “Our Common Future Under  
Climate Change” Science  
Conference, Paris. France,  
July 2015**



**DECLARATION OF THE  
7TH WORLD SCIENCE FORUM ON  
The Enabling Power of Science**

Text adopted on 7th November 2015, Budapest

**PREAMBLE**

With the encouragement and support of the founding organisations of World Science Forum, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Council for Science (ICSU), the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and all invited organisations and fellow scientists, we, the participants of the 7th World Science Forum held from 4th to 7th November 2015 adopt the present declaration.

World Science Forum (WSF), an outcome of the 1999 World Conference on Science, is a biennial event that since 2003 has been successfully assembling scientists, decision-makers from the world of politics and industry, representatives of civil society and the media to discuss critical global issues and the contribution of science towards meeting the challenges they present.

In line with the outcomes of 1999 World Conference on Science (WCS) and taking into account the 2011 Budapest Declaration on the New Era of Global Science and the 2013 Rio de Janeiro Declaration on “Science for Global Sustainable Development” we renew our commitment towards the responsible and ethical use of scientific knowledge in addressing the grand challenges of humankind.

*The accelerating accumulation, use and diffusion of scientific knowledge*

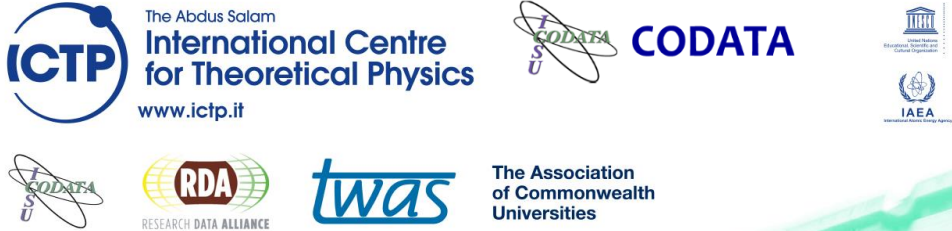
**World Science Forum**



**UN World Conference on  
Disaster Risk Reduction  
2015 Sendai Japan**



# 2. Leave no scientists behind - S&T Capacity-Building



The Abdus Salam  
**International Centre  
for Theoretical Physics**  
www.ictp.it

**CODATA**

**RDA**  
RESEARCH DATA ALLIANCE

**twas**  
The Association  
of Commonwealth  
Universities

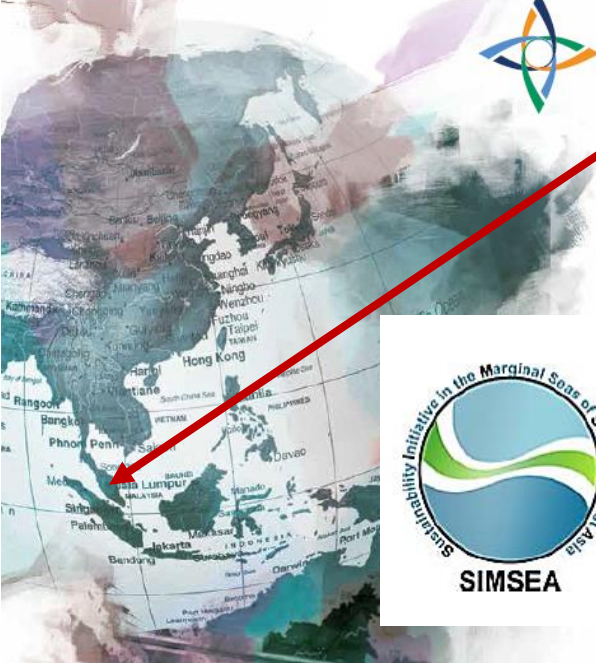
**IAEA**

**The CODATA-RDA  
School of Research Data Science**  
1 - 12 August 2016  
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Enhancing scientific capacity to  
inspire informed action on global  
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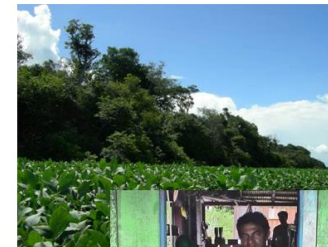
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**SIMSEA**  
Sustainability Initiative in the  
Marginal Seas of South and East Asia



**São Paulo School of Advanced Science on  
Nitrogen cycling, environmental sustainability and climate change**



*The biogeochemical cycle of nitrogen involves and affects multiple issues, such as food security, conservation of biodiversity, water and air quality and climate regulation.*

*This School is directed at graduate students from Brazil and abroad and provides an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to the crosscutting themes of nitrogen cycling as well as to the complex interactions among nitrogen, agriculture, sustainability and global changes.*

**Full Announcement**

**APPLICATIONS  
OPEN!**

31 July – 10 August 2016, São Pedro, Brazil  
Information: [IAI.brazil2016@dir.iai.int](mailto:IAI.brazil2016@dir.iai.int)



# 2. Leave no scientists behind – S&T Capacity-Building – Young Scientists



ISSC-ICSU Villa Vigoni Conferences



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for the advancement of science

## Science Diplomacy Training

ABOUT NETWORK OPPORTUNITIES SCIENCE POLICY NEWS PUBLICATIONS

Opportunities

- Fellowships
- Research Grants

**AAAS-TWAS Course on Science Diplomacy 2016**  
The course will be held from 11 to 16 July 2016 in Trieste, Italy. The application deadline is 4 March 2016. Successful candidates will be contacted by early April.

# International Research Collaboration

## + Science for Policy & Building Capacity

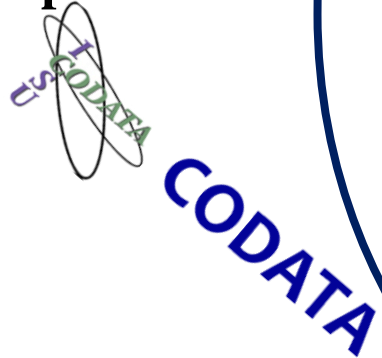


Capacity  
Enhancement

Regional  
Offices



Big Science  
Open Data



### Intersecting Issues:

- Climate change
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Sustainable Development
- Cities, energy, resilience, ...
- People, health, ...



**Integrated  
Science to Policy**

# 3. Science and Technology for SUSTAINABLE Development

**Commission on Science and Technology towards the attainment of Sustainable Development.**

**The CSTD –**

- → new frameworks on sustainable development
- → be the Commission on Science and Technology FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
- Integrated science encompassing the three pillars of sustainable development: economic, environmental and social.
- **The scientific community stands ready to enable that transition**
- **And support the Technology Facilitation Mechanism and the STI Forum**
- The scientific community has been focusing on this “transition” since Sputnik ... from the earth, to earth system ... to sustainable development,

**Global Cooperation  
in Science for  
Sustainable  
Development**

# Integrated Sciences - for sustainability



- **Building on science to “see the future” – and through collective actions to have the “future we want”.**

**Thank you  
for your attention.**

**We look forward to working  
together for the benefit of all  
societies.**