

To: All Members of the International Science Council (ISC)

Dear ISC Member,

The ISC is pleased to share exciting news after the last Board meeting which took place on 7 April 2022. ISC President, Peter Gluckman, provides an update to Members with future opportunities and knowledge sharing sessions, the expanding of the membership base and opening towards young academies and associations, and the ISC Fellowship programme.

You may find the full PDF of the Governing Board Communiqué for ISC Members here:

<https://council.science/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2022.04-Governing-Board-Communique-for-ISC-Members.pdf>

Please find below highlights of the ISC Communiqué to Members:

1. Join the Meet and Greet with the ISC President

For ISC Members and your networks

The ISC President, Peter Gluckman, invites all staff Members and representatives of ISC Members for a “Meet & Greet” over Zoom. This will provide a chance for Members to receive critical updates from the President on issues such as the Global Commission on Science Missions for Sustainability, the Board’s Standing Committees and Working Groups, the development of ISC’s membership base, Global Knowledge Dialogue, and more.

Tuesday, 10 May at 07:00 UTC or
Wednesday, 11 May at 14:00 UTC

Register: <https://council.science/events/meet-and-greet-with-isc-president-peter-gluckman/>

2. Join Zoom Meetings “ISC and the United Nations” on 25 and 26 April

For ISC Members and your networks

The ISC invites Members to the Knowledge Sharing Session: Increasing Member engagement in UN processes, including Stockholm+50 and HLPF. The zoom meetings will include discussions on Member engagement and showcase progress milestones on the actions from the report, ISC Strategy in the Intergovernmental System.

Monday, 25 April at 14:00 UTC or
Tuesday, 26 April at 07:00 UTC

Register: <https://council.science/events/knowledge-sharing-session-update-on-the-isc-in-un-processes-including-stockholm50-and-hlpf/>

3. Expanding the membership base of the ISC and opening towards young academies and associations

For ISC Members and your networks

The Board has agreed on a strategy to expand the membership of the ISC which will see targeted eligible organizations encouraged to join as full members but offered the opportunity to join as affiliate members while a new dues structure is being developed for approval at the next General Assembly.

The ISC is looking forward to connecting to young scientists’ academies and associations as it welcomes for immediate affiliate membership all organizations of young scientists meeting the criteria of Membership Categories 1 and 2. ISC Members are invited to contact the Secretariat with recommendations of young academies and associations and to foster their connection to the ISC.

4. ISC Fellowship programme

For ISC Members and your networks

Following the 2022–2024 Action Plan, the Board set up a working group including past-President Daya Reddy to develop a concept for an ISC Fellowship programme. The Fellowship programme and its founding fellows will be announced during a ceremony on the fringes of the June Governing Board meeting in Paris, and the first annual call for nominations for fellows will follow in July. The Fellowship shall be the highest honour awarded to individual scientists by the ISC.

A reminder that the full communiqué can be found here: <https://council.science/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2022.04-Governing-Board-Communique-for-ISC-Members.pdf>

All opportunities and updates for ISC Members can be found on the ISC Membership Notice Board: <https://council.science/members/membership-notice-board/>.

We continue to stand ready to amplify and share your events, e-learning courses or podcasts, as well as calls for nominations, vacancies and other opportunities and initiatives with the ISC community via our website and social media channels. Please let us know so we can share your information and contributions.

It was a pleasure to send this important update on the decisions of the ISC Governing Board, dear ISC Members. Please don't hesitate to be in touch.

With best regards,
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