

Dear ISC Members,

We are excited to announce four important updates and ISC developments below. Please feel free to share all of these announcements with your colleagues, members, and wider networks.

1. Launch of the ISC Global Commission on Science Missions for Sustainability

Political leaders, scientists, and influential personalities have issued an emergency warning on sustainability inaction by establishing a Global Commission to mobilize a \$100 million a year global fund for Sustainability Science Missions - this will be a key priority for the ISC in the coming years, and is one of the outputs from the ISC Global Forum of Funders initiative and its report "Unleashing Science". The Commission of more than twenty high-level committed thought leaders will be chaired by Irina Bokova, former UNESCO Director-General, and Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand and previous administrator of the UNDP.

- Access and share the press release: <https://council.science/current/press/sustainability-missions/>
- Explore the multimedia portal "Unleashing Science - Delivering Missions for Sustainability": <https://stories.council.science/unleashing-science/>
- Read the report "Unleashing Science": <https://council.science/Commission/Report>

2. Launch of the CFRS paper "A contemporary perspective on the free and responsible practice of science in the 21st Century"

We invite you to read a letter to ISC Members from the ISC Vice-President for Freedom and Responsibility in Science, Professor Anne Husebekk: https://council.science/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Letter-to-ISC-Members_10-December-2021.pdf

On the occasion of International Human Rights Day (10 December), the ISC's Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science (CFRS) has published the Discussion Paper "*A contemporary perspective on the free and responsible practice of science in the 21st century*".

The Paper is intended for a broad readership, including researchers, research managers, policymakers, science diplomats, and those in the private sector. We invite all ISC Members to read, share and discuss the publication with all those in your network who have a role to play in upholding the free and responsible practice of science in contemporary society.

- Access and share the press release: <https://council.science/current/news/researchers-combat-new-threats-to-key-human-rights/>
- Access the paper and explore the multimedia portal: <https://stories.council.science/science-freedom-responsibility/>

3. ISC 2022 – 2024 Action Plan published

We thank all of our Members for your input and feedback on the draft 2022 – 2024 Action Plan, which was adopted by the ISC membership at the 2nd ISC General Assembly in October. "Science and Society in Transition" sets out the framework of ISC activities over the next three years, outlining five priority domains. The document is now available online, including a print-friendly version, and we very much look forward to implementing the plan together with our Members.

- Access the Action Plan: <https://council.science/publications/action-plan-2022-2024/>

4. International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development proclaimed

On 2 December, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming 2022 the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development to highlight the crucial role of basic sciences for sustainable development, and emphasize their contributions to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The proposal for the Year was

developed by ISC Member, the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP), with the encouragement and support of the ISC and you, our Members, as well as partner institutions and the UNESCO. Congratulations to the IUPAP on having this International Year endorsed by the United Nations.

- **Access the press release:** <https://council.science/current/press/international-year-of-basic-sciences-proclaimed-un/>

With best regards,
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