

International Council for Science

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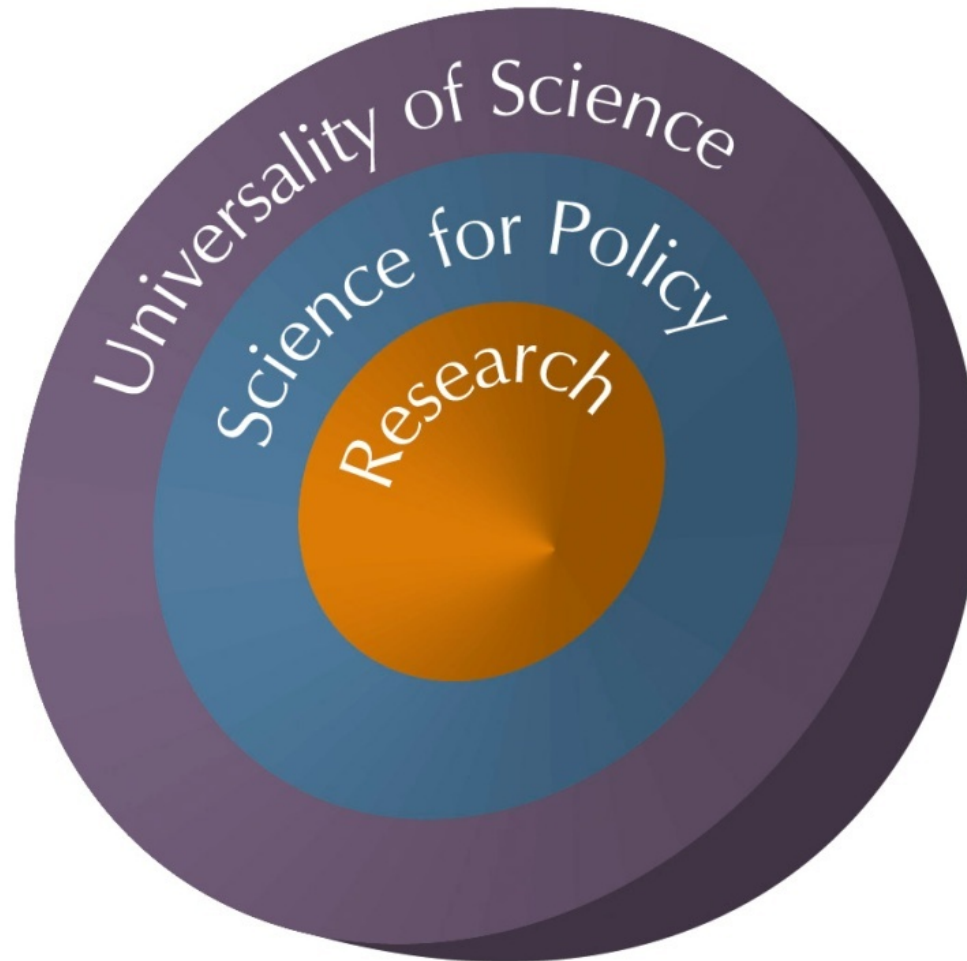
Strengthening international science for the benefit of society

ICSU: representative of the global scientific community



- 121 National Members
- 31 International Scientific Unions
- 22 International Scientific Associates
- Global and regional networks and presence

Strategic themes



Integration

Research Goal

To organise excellent international interdisciplinary research in selected priority areas.



Health and Wellbeing in the Changing Urban Environment:
a Systems Analysis Approach
An Interdisciplinary Science Plan



IRDR

Integrated Research on Disaster Risk



DIVERSITAS
an international programme
of biodiversity science



futureearth
research for global sustainability



IHDP

International Human Dimensions Programme
on Global Environmental Change



GLOBAL
IGBP
CHANGE

International
Geosphere-Biosphere
Programme



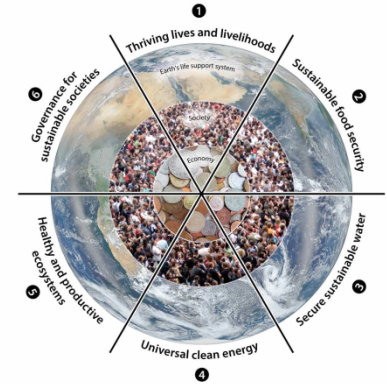
World Climate Research Programme

Science and Policy goal

To ensure that science is integrated into policy development at the international and national level and that relevant policies take into account both scientific knowledge and the needs of science.



RIO+20
United Nations
Conference on
Sustainable
Development



ipcc
INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON
climate change



UN World Conference on
Disaster Risk Reduction
14-18 March 2015, Sendai, Japan

Science Advice to Governments
A global conference for leading practitioners
Auckland, New Zealand
August 28-29, 2014

Science, policy and economics meet here on our way to the 2015 climate conference in Paris.
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Science for Smart Policy

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From Kyoto To Hyogo: A Primer on the Global Disaster Resilience Framework

Universality goal

To promote the freedom and responsibilities of scientists and access to data and information as a critical contribution to strengthening the global science community.

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Concerns about visas for scientists to attend international scientific meetings

The Council is concerned that measures taken by some national authorities are making the visa application process unpleasant, drawn out, obscure, expensive and unpredictable. In some countries, this has become a significant obstacle to the holding of international scientific meetings.

The International Council for Science (ICSU) promotes the free movement and association of scientists, including their participation at international scientific meetings. Both conference organisers and participants have the responsibility to be familiar with and follow the visa application and issuing processes of the conference host country, including the timing requirements for submission of visa applications. Recognising this, the Council is seriously concerned that measures taken by some national authorities, ostensibly to prevent illegal immigration, are increasingly making the visa application process unpleasant, drawn out, obscure, expensive and unpredictable. In some countries, this has become a significant obstacle to the holding of international scientific meetings.

Two recent examples illustrating the problem are the science congresses of the International Union of Physiological Sciences (IUPS) and the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) in the United Kingdom during 2013. The two scientific unions, both ICSU Members, reported that



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