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Under the umbrella of the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP), some 150 national, regional and global member academies work together to support the vital role of science in providing evidence-based solutions to the world's most challenging problems. IAP harnesses the expertise of the world's leading scientific minds to inform sound policies, improve public health, promote excellence in science education, and achieve other critical development goals. Our academy members constitute more than 30,000 leading scientists, engineers and health professionals in over 100 countries.

Vision: For the world's academies to play a vital role in ensuring that science serves society inclusively and equitably and underpins global sustainable development.

Mission: To convene and empower the world's academies of science, engineering and medicine to work collaboratively to address issues of global, regional and national importance.

Who we are

Launched in 1993, IAP membership has continued to expand and evolve, as more countries establish science academies in recognition of the value of an independent and interconnected science community. Some 150 academies in over 100 countries are currently members of IAP, and are organised into four regional networks located in Africa (the Network of African Science Academies, NASAC), the Americas (the InterAmerican Network of Academies of Sciences, IANAS), Asia (the Association of Academies and Societies of Sciences in Asia, AASSA) and Europe (the European Academies' Science Advisory Council, EASAC).

In 2019, the Global Young Academy (GYA) became an IAP member, adding the critical voice of young scientists to IAP's work.

Free of vested political and commercial interests, academies are merit-based and typically independent institutions that recognise and promote excellence and achievement. In addition to their honorific roles, academies provide a vital

conduit between government, industry and civil society, helping to identify immediate and long-term challenges and policy solutions to address them.

What we do

IAP's strategic objectives are threefold:

- 1. To build the capacity of regional networks of academies and their national members, who represent excellence in science, engineering and medicine in their countries;
- 2. To empower academies and regional academy networks to provide independent, authoritative advice on global, regional and national issues through synthesis reports, consensus statements, foresight studies, critiquing public policy processes and outputs, and convening key stakeholders;

3. To communicate the importance of engineering medicine in science, and terms of research, education, literacy, public discourse, outreach. and

IAP's role in speaking truth to power has never been more important in a world increasingly vulnerable to climate change and pandemics. IAP produces authoritative advice to national governments and intergovernmental organisations to inform evidence-based decision-making on wideranging global challenges. IAP is an observer organisation to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and works alongside other international science networks to influence the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), UN Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction, the UN Convention on Biological Diversity and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

IAP's flagship interregional project methodology – by which comparative regional reports on integrated policy issues are brought together in a global synthesis – continues to inform the UN and its agencies, such as the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO); regional governments, such as the European Union and African Union, and the World Bank and regional development banks. Topics include Food and Nutrition Security and Agriculture, and Climate Change and Health.

Recent output

IAP and its regional networks have an extensive catalogue of reports, statements and communiques on a wide range of public policy issues. Here are some recent examples.

Health in Climate Emergency: a global perspective

Author: AASSA, EASAC, IANAS, NASAC Web: https://tinyurl.com/mr38m63x

Combatting predatory academic journals and conferences

Author: IAP

Web: https://tinyurl.com/bddm6z5

Strengthening Capacity for Sustainable

Agriculture and Food Systems in Africa

Author: NASAC

Web: https://tinyurl.com/4dhmnz88

• Regenerative agriculture in Europe

Author: EASAC

Web: https://tinyurl.com/5xxf757h

 Risk Assessment of Neonicotinoids in the Asia-Pacific Region

Author: AASSA

Web: https://tinyurl.com/5n7p638x

• Global Health Inequalities: Research for a fairer future

Author: UKAMS/IAP

Web: https://tinyurl.com/dmpjd2xu

Climate change and its disastrous impact in Africa

Author: NASAC

Web: https://tinyurl.com/4zx56pmm

 What are national academies of science and medicine doing in relation to urban health and its broad determinants?

Author: IAP

Web: https://tinyurl.com/yawmzpa4

• Countering Covid-19 Vaccine Hesitancy

Author: IAP

Web: https://tinyurl.com/3s73mdys

Recent statements

 IAP Statement on Implications of Urbanization in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (2022)

Web: https://tinyurl.com/2p9aczvy

- Climate Change and Biodiversity: Interlinkages and policy options (2021)
 Web: https://tinyurl.com/3zn7ase3
- IAP Statement on Regenerative Medicine (2021)

Web: https://tinyurl.com/5n863pnx

 IAP Statement on Protection of Marine Environments (2021)

Web: https://tinyurl.com/3y8mt5sp

IAP Annual Reports

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Web: https://tinyurl.com/IAPannualrep

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