

The InterAcademy Partnership in 2025 Highlights for Policymakers

The InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) is a global network of 153 academies of science, engineering and medicine working together to provide independent expert advice on scientific, technological and health issues.

1. The IAP Triennial Conference and General Assembly

IAP held its Triennial Conference and General Assembly in Cairo, Egypt, 8-11 December. The events were hosted by Egypt's Academy of Science, Research and Technology (ASRT) under the auspices of the President of Egypt, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi.



Group photo from the Triennial Conference 2025 in Cairo, Egypt from 8-11 December 2025 (Photo: K. Koelbl/IAP)

The conference, with the theme **'Bridging Science, Policy and Society in an Era of Transformation'**, attracted some 164 participants from 68 countries and featured more than 90 I speakers. Topics covered included science diplomacy, trust in science, emerging

technologies, gender equality, engagement with early-career researchers and cross-sector collaboration. The **opening session**, set the tone by examining **'Science Academies and Science Diplomacy in a Tumultuous World'**, while the **closing session** underscored future priorities through its focus on **'Building Resilient and Collaborative Science Ecosystems: Strengthening Partnerships Across Government, Academia, Industry and Philanthropy'**.



Panel from Opening Session of the IAP Triennial Conference 2025 in Cairo, Egypt on 8 December 2025 (Photo: ASRT)

The Conference provided an opportunity for academy representatives to meet and discuss ongoing challenges and opportunities at the science-policy interface. Strong interest in the event can be gauged by the 450 participants who followed the live streaming on LinkedIn. To provide continued access to the discussions and outcomes to the wider scientific community, **recordings** of the sessions are made available on the IAP website and [YouTube channel](#).

A **special high-level session**, convened between the Conference and the IAP General Assembly, featured remarks from: Mostafa Kamal Madbouly, Prime Minister of Egypt; Mohamed Ayman Ashour, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Egypt; Peggy Hamburg and Masresha Fetene, IAP Co-Presidents; Gina El-Feky, ASRT Acting President; and Maria Michela Laroccia, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Italy in Egypt. Their remarks highlighted the importance of science, international cooperation, and the role of academies in supporting evidence-based policy-

making.



Maria Michela Laroccia, Deputy Head of Mission, Italian Embassy, Egypt (Photo: K. Koelbl/IAP)

The **IAP General Assembly** confirmed **four new member academies**: Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, the Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts, the Mali Sciences Academy and the National Academy of Engineering and Habitat of Venezuela, as well as **11 Young Academies** in IAP's new Young Affiliate category. See [IAP membership](#).

Following online elections held prior to the events in Egypt, the new 6-member IAP Board and other governance bodies were presented to the member academies. See [IAP Governance](#).

2. Other Events and New Activities

The [International Urban Health Summit](#) (IUHS) was held in Hannover, Germany, on 9-11 April. Funded by the Volkswagen Foundation via a contribution to the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, IAP and its Urban Health Working Group, in collaboration with the International Society of Urban Health,

played a key role in planning and delivering the event.

The Summit brought together more than 200 researchers and practitioners from some 30 countries to address key issues of urban health through the lens of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals set by

the United Nations. It provided an occasion for IAP to leverage the of national academies to bring the work of urban health to the global attention and work towards the establishment of a holistic view of health in cities and urban areas.



Panel Urban Health Summit 2025 (Photo: Sophia Nitti/IAP)

A summary [report of the Summit](#) is available and a full-length publication will be available shortly.

In October 2025, IAP, in collaboration with the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), convened a global workshop on **sexual harassment of women in academia**. Hosted by the Académie des sciences in Paris, France, and supported by the Henry Luce Foundation, the workshop brought together 21 scholars, practitioners and experts from 16 countries. The workshop concluded with participants committing to collective action to advance harassment-free academic environments. Read more in the report [‘Global Workshop on Sexual Harassment in](#)



[Academia: Summary and Shared Commitments’.](#)

In March 2025, in collaboration with and hosted by the Royal Spanish Academy of Sciences (RAC), and with support from the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, IAP organized an international workshop in Madrid, Spain, to advance research and policy solutions on **wildfire risk assessment**, modelling and the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in understanding vulnerabilities of communities.. Read more [here](#).



Participants of the IAP Workshop on Wildfire Risk and AI, held in Madrid on 17-18 March 2025, at the Royal Academy of Sciences (RAC), gathered to discuss global approaches to wildfire vulnerability and mitigation strategies. (Photo credits: RAC)

In 2025, IAP, building on its status as an Observer of the **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)**, launched two new projects. The first, in collaboration with IPCC Focal Point for Italy, aimed at providing academies and climate researchers with information about the IPCC process – which is now in its seventh cycle, with its next major Assessment Report (AR7) due out in late 2028. This project unfolded via two webinars:

(1) IAP Webinar: [Explaining the IPCC calls for nominations of authors](#) (1 April 2025) – attended by 120 participants;

(2) IAP Webinar: [How to participate as an Expert Reviewer in the First Draft of the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Cities \(SR-Cities\)](#) (18 September 2025) - attended by 111 climate scientists from developing countries.

In collaboration with the Trieste-based International Centre for Theoretical

Physics (ICTP), IAP launched a [programme to support early-career Chapter Scientists from the Global South](#) to support the Coordinating Lead Authors of IPCC's AR7. With funds from Wellcome, a call was launched that received 2,600 eligible applications. From these, 171 interviews were undertaken and 57 Chapter Scientists selected. As of January 2026, ICTP is managing the contracting of the 57 successful candidates. The project is slated to run for four years.

3. Other publications



The **IAP 2024 Annual Report** was published in June 2025. It provides an overview of IAP programmes and projects throughout the year, including those of the Regional Networks.

In the series of educational guides produced by the Smithsonian Science Education Center and IAP, the latest 'Science for Global Goals' curriculum is a translation of the '**Oceans!**' guide into **Korean**. It is estimated that, since the first guide, 'Mosquito!' was released in 2018, more than 50,000 educators have been trained to use them, reaching more than 7 million students in more than 100 countries.

4. IAP Webinars

IAP Webinars presented in 2025 were:

- (1) 11 March 2025 - IAP Webinar: Building Trust in Science through Science Education
- (2) 21 May 2025 - IAP-ISC Webinar: Safeguarding Scientific Data in Times of Crisis
- (3) 18 September 2025 - IAP Webinar: Pastoralism and Grasslands: Science and Policy for Regenerative Rangeland Management



Screenshot of Webinar Announcement on Pastoralism and Grasslands and recording available on the IAP Youtube Channel.

Two webinars linked to activities related to climate change are discussed above.

5. Grants provided

During 2025, IAP awarded nine grants selected through a competitive process based on proposals that would contribute to the attainment of IAP's Strategic Goals. These grants are collaborative with the leading academies listed below.

1. Australian Academy of Science

Strengthening the knowledge ecosystem: A baseline assessment of engagement with Indigenous knowledge systems across learned academies

2. Caribbean Academy of Sciences

Addressing food security disparities through collaborative regional (Caribbean) policy frameworks

3. Cameroon Academy of Sciences

Empowering Young Academies to investigate and re-think research assessment practices for equity and inclusion in Africa

4. Cyprus Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts

Threats to the Mediterranean marine ecosystems in a warming world

5. French Academy of Medicine

Climate Change and Health in the Mediterranean

6. Kenya Academy of Sciences

The effect of falling production of sugarcane and fish in East African agricultural economies

7. Science Academy of Moldova

Science for society: Fostering the young generation in Moldova towards evidence-based decisions

8. Uganda National Academy of Science

Learning Collaborative on the Role of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Advancement Policies in Leveraging Youth Development in Africa

9. Network of African Science Academies (NASAC)

Enhancing the role of African women scientists in global science diplomacy

For further details, see this [news item](#).

IAP has been providing seed funding to three academies in Africa to establish **science centres**: the Benin National Academy of Sciences and Arts, the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences and the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences. During 2025, two of these centres, in Benin and Ethiopia, opened their doors to visitors.

IAP also provided a contribution to support the General Meeting of the **Global Young Academy** (GYA) in Hyderabad, India. The associated conference was on the topic 'Confluence of Visionaries: Empowering Science for Global Change', for which a '[Confluence of Visionaries](#)' statement is available.

[6. Round-up of Regional Networks' work & impact](#)

Inter-American Network of Academies of Science (IANAS)

In October 2025, the IANAS Water Programme held two events within the framework of the [IANAS Amazon Initiative](#). The first was the conference '**New Scientific Horizons for the Amazon and its Sustainability**' held on 4 October 2025. This was followed on 15-17 October by a second workshop '**Management of Waters, Forests and Sand in the Amazon: Security for Ecosystems and Human Health**'. As well as support from IAP, the events were supported by the National Academy of Sciences of Peru and the *Compañía de Minas Buenaventura*.

The workshop held in Iquitos, in the Peruvian Amazon examined current practices in the management of water, forests and sand in the region. Discussions centred on key environmental and social challenges affecting the Andean Amazon, including that of sand-mining, with the aim of gathering inputs to support the development of a research and intervention project designed to inform public policies. The event concluded with an open conference for students, researchers and public officials, during which the workshop's findings were presented.

Prior to the international climate change conference, COP30, the Brazilian Academy of Sciences, in partnership with IANAS, organized a satellite event in Manaus, Brazil. Participants included national and international researchers, and representatives from the academies of science of the Amazonian countries and other nations with a tradition on research in the Amazon. The satellite event concluded with the release of a statement: '[A Scientific Call for COP30: Science Academies United for Climate Action](#)'.

Association of Academies and Societies of Sciences in Asia (AASSA)

In 2025, AASSA organised two meetings:



The AASSA-**Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)** / Science Council of Japan (SCJ) Symposium was held in August in Japan. The symposium brought together researchers, policymakers and leaders from across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond to discuss the current status of women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and to share initiatives supporting their participation, visibility and leadership. The symposium proceedings are available [here](#).

The AASSA-PAS (Pakistan Academy of Sciences) Symposium on '**Radiation Techniques in Health and Environment**' was held in August at PAS in Islamabad, Pakistan. It brought together over 100 national and international experts in a hybrid format.

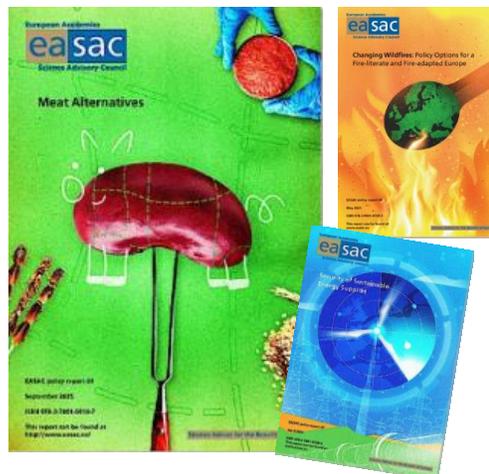
AASSA also awarded six prizes to young scientists in the Asia/Oceania region under its 'Prof. Yoo Hang Kim Young Scientists Award'. In 2025, these prizes went to early-career researchers from Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka (2) and Thailand.

European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC)

In 2025, EASAC published a Commentary on '[Increasing Urgency for Transformative Change](#)' and three reports:

- '[Changing Wildfires: Policy Options for a Fire-literate and Fire-adapted Europe](#)' – released together with an infographic
- '[Meat Alternatives](#)'
- '[Security of Sustainable Energy Supplies](#)'

To enhance visibility, the release of each report was supported by an event in Brussels that was also streamed live online.



Network of African Science Academies (NASAC)

The NASAC General Assembly and the Annual Meeting of African Science Academies (**AMASA 2025**) took place on 17-21 November 2025 at the Hassan II Academy of Science and Technology in Rabat, Morocco. AMASA 2025 was held under the theme '**Water and Green Hydrogen – Scientific Pathways for Sustainable Development in Africa**'. The

meeting was attended by over 70 experts, including representatives from African science academies, other academics, policymakers and development partners.

NASAC also awarded **five capacity building grants**, each worth USD5,000, to science academies in Benin, Eswatini (a newly-founded academy), Kenya, Nigeria and Zambia.

With additional funds from an IAP competitive grant (see above) and in collaboration with EASAC and the International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA) Africa, NASAC also produced the **publication** '[African Women Scientists Driving Science Diplomacy in Times of Crisis](#)'.

7. Strategic Communications and Digital Performance Overview

In 2025, IAP strengthened its digital communications footprint. A total of 113 news items were published on the website, a +70% increase compared to 2023.

The Triennial conference was a major driver of digital engagement, boosting **website performance**. Total visits reached 410,000, up **+62% year-on-year**, while new users totaled 241,000, similar to 2024. Direct URL access accounted for 74% of traffic and rose 144%, highlighting **strong brand recognition**, while organic search contributed 21% of visits.



IAP continued to execute a multi-channel communications strategy across social and digital platforms. The **LinkedIn** page grew by **+1,338 followers** to 5,634, a **+24% increase**, with nearly half of this growth in Q4 driven by the first-ever live streaming of the Triennial Conference, reaching up to 450 international participants. On platform X, IAP reached 5,667 followers, though engagement remained modest. The Bluesky channel has 134 followers and continues to grow slowly. The **IAP YouTube channel** remains a key pillar of digital communications, hosting **webinars, conference sessions** and **live-streamed** plenary and side events, significantly extending global reach and accessibility during the Triennial Conference.



Direct communications through the **IAP Bulletin** and the **YPL newsletter** also remained effective. Six Bulletin issues were distributed in 2025, including a dedicated conference edition. Combined, both newsletters reached **3,356 subscribers**, a net increase of **+303 (+9%)**, reinforcing their value as trusted and high-engagement channels.

