

IAP's strategic plan: an inter-academy road map to 2030?

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The previous IAP strategic planning period (2016-2019) saw new projects, new partnerships and novel ways for academies to work together. Lessons learned and fresh insights from these activities have helped to shape IAP's next strategic plan (2019-2022), which will be open for discussion and presented for approval by IAP members during the 2019 General Assembly. In the same period, the landscape of global science has evolved with new and reconfigured players providing scientific thinking and advice on increasingly complex and urgent issues, many of them encapsulated in the SDGs. IAP must work to its unique strengths to help identify evidence-based solutions to these issues. The IAP Secretariat heads will set out IAP's unique strengths, drawing on learning from (1) recent innovative projects (notably the FNSA interregional and Carnegie projects); (2) closer relations with the global policymaking community (including parts of the UN system) and global assessment programmes (for example, its observer status to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, IPCC); (3) more active participation in global science fora (such as the World Science Forum and World Health Summit); and (4) the continued streamlining of its structure into a more integrated partnership, underpinned by active regional networks with the aim of further engaging IAP's academy members. The Secretariat heads will then provide highlights of the draft strategic plan (2019-2022), and identify where supporting the SDGs can help IAP and its members meet the proposed objectives.