

International Science Council News

Item 1: International Science Council's Annual Report:

The International Science Council has published their 2021 annual report. The report is a fascinating read on the developments the ISC has achieved in 2021. In a nutshell, ISC has had several key projects all working to contribute the main vision of ISC which is *to advance science as a global public good*.

The report discusses the work done by the different committees of the ISC as well as the key projects and initiatives. If you are interested to learn about how science contributes to the sustainable development of our planet (e.g. discussion on sustainability, climate change, and policy making) there will be many examples for you to read about in the report.

Link: https://council.science/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/ISC-Annual-Report_2021-web-version.pdf

ISC Discussion Time:

In ISC news items we propose topics for group discussions with your research team.

Topic 1: With your research team discuss (1) what you understand from *science as a global public good*, and (2) why is this an important discussion to have? You can reflect on the activities and projects of ISC to develop those discussions.

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Item 2: International Science Council's Podcast Series:

Join more than 24 million podcast listeners of the ISC podcasts. There are three seasons with plenty of discussions on topics related to *advancing science as a global public good*.

There are a series of episodes on Women in Science. Also very interesting are the episodes focusing on diversity in science, combating racism in science and democratising knowledge and access to tools to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). If you still are not familiar with SDGs watch out for an item in the next newsletter where we give you the key information and direct you to where you can learn more.

You may have been extensively exposed to the subjects discussed in the ISC podcast as a result of the recent global attention these subjects have received. We, however, suggest you give these short and bite-size discussions a go and perhaps include them as an activity for your research team.

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Topic 2: Listen to the ISC podcast and share your thoughts on an episode or a discussion that you enjoyed or found relevant to your work.

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Item 3: United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and what ISC does to contribute to achieving SDGs by 2030:

In 2015, the United Nations published a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. This blueprint has 17 goals at its heart that are known as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). If you have not yet familiarised yourself with SDGs we strongly suggest you check the following UN website where more information can be found.

Link: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

A significant amount of the work we do within the Interpore remit contributes to achieving SDGs. Some of the obvious ones are goals 6: clean water; goal 7: affordable and clean energy, and goal 13: climate action.

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Topic 3: It is an interesting opportunity to map your research against the SDGs if you have not done this exercise already. In a group meeting share your thoughts on how your research contributes to SDGs.

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Item 4: International Science Council's Publication on Research Gaps to Achieve SDGs by 2030

We would like to draw your attention to the following publication by the ISC:

A synthesis of research gaps for science to enable societies to accomplish the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

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This publication looks at identifying research topics with particular importance to achieve the SDGs set by the United Nations by 2030. The topics covered are:

- Topic A: Sustainable planet for a dignified human future
- Topic B: Economies for the People and the Planet
- Topic C: Towards integrated and inclusive governance and capable institutions at all levels
- Topic D: Digital transformations for humanity and inclusive sustainable development Topic E: Understanding the processes of societal transformations in different contexts

The report also explores how to successfully reform science systems by changing practice, boosting research capacity (focusing on middle and low-income countries) and strengthening trust in science. Within Interpore we have long been contributing to capacity building through our national chapters.

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Topic 4: Share your thoughts on the research gaps identified by the ISC and where does your work fit in this picture.