



**13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IRDR Science Committee**  
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**References to Consultative Forum in the Science Plan (ICSU 2008)**

References to the Consultative Forum can be found throughout the Science Plan (ICSU 2008):

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“During the first three years, the Programme would establish a team of co-sponsors and make arrangements with existing programmes so as to undertake research with shared outcomes and responsibilities. A Scientific Committee, mandated by the co-sponsors and with support from an International Project Office, would have the responsibility for building the formal linkages with partners in research. The collaborating organizations, working through a **Consultative Forum**, would become significant actors in the Programme.”

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“A **Consultative Forum** attended by representatives of component and complementary programmes and initiatives would be created and convened regularly.”

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“It is proposed that a **Consultative Forum** be established, through a series of informal forums during the first three years and then, based on the input from that process, an ongoing forum to continue thereafter. Use of other forums would also be appropriate. The ISDR Global Platform meetings, to be held bi-annually, might provide one such opportunity, and special sessions may be possible. The International Disaster and Risk Conference (IDRC) is a major event held periodically, mostly in Davos, Switzerland, involving both governments and a broad range of civil society and business, and discussions with the organizers have indicated that this event could be used for consultation processes. As the formal and informal sponsorship and partners are clarified and confirmed, the variety of broad stakeholder consultation forums will be apparent and considered for use by the Programme. A guiding principle should be that the creation of new stand-alone forums should be avoided, unless necessary.”

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“The Scientific Committee and the **Consultative Forum**, mandated by the sponsors and with the support from the International Project Office, would have the responsibility for building the formal linkages with partners in research. The collaborating organizations, working through the **Consultative Forum**, would become significant actors in the Programme.”

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“The **Consultative Forum** would be used as a major part of the evaluation process. In ten years, it would be appropriate for the sponsors, together with the then ongoing consultative forum, to review the programme and the investments made to see how well this vision and legacy has been achieved.”

**Source**

International Council for Science (2008). **A Science Plan for Integrated Research on Disaster Risk: Addressing the challenge of natural and human-induced environmental hazards**