

# Responses to the ICSU External Review

May 2015

# Become a truly global voice of science

- Inclusive membership base
- Early career science, gender and diversity agendas
- Alliances with other international scientific organisations
- Global knowledge divides

# Promote transformative, solutions-oriented science 4 global challenges

- Support for basic research
- Co-design and co-production of knowledge with societal stakeholders

# Gain wider recognition in policy advice

- Science for policy: The UN S&T Major Group
- Policy for Science: National and regional research system innovations

# Strengthen outreach, including public engagement with science

- Visibility and profile
- Science communications and media outreach
- Science education
- Public understanding of science

# Funding & governance

- Pursue a step-change in resource mobilisation for international science
- Maintain transparent, unambiguous governance structures and an engaged membership
- Develop a fit-for-purpose Secretariat and Regional Offices

# Future Earth: update

- Appointment of a new director in 2015
- Establishment of a new globally distributed secretariat
- Alliance becomes the Governing Council
- New members in the Alliance – SDSN, STS Forum

# IRDR Representation in FE SC

- At last ICSU EB meeting, there was no decision on the IRDR SC request for mutual representation (observer status) in the Future Earth Science committee because this would have implications for all ICSU programmes
- Future Earth Governing Council will look at a new Future Earth proposal on partnership arrangements at June meetings in Vienna



# Urban Health and Well-Being: update

- IPO opened Dec 2014
- Science Officer and Administration officer have been recruited to support the director
- Activities that can be funded under the current IPO budget include annual workshops, a Global Urban Health forum, and short expert courses on specific themes for non-scientific stakeholders

# Role of ICSU/ISSC in SDGs

- “Review of the Targets for the Sustainable Development Goals” published 2015
- In 2015, monthly meetings at the UN in New York on the post-2015 development agenda.
- ICSU has provided inputs to UNDESA for the 2015 edition of the Global Sustainable Development Report which goes to the High Level Political Forum

# Regional offices

- ROA has been reviewed – report to be made public soon
- ROLAC & ROAP review reports are underway, reports due end-2015
- When all reports are completed, ICSU will review regional strategy and decide on a common set of recommendations to be implemented 2016

# SIDA application

- Jan 2015 ICSU submitted 5-year proposal to SIDA - “Building capacity integrated research on Global Sustainability in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean”
- Targetting Early Career Researchers in Africa and LAC with no more than 10 years work experience
- 9.3 mln euros over 5 years (most for research grants)

# Thematic scope

- Global environmental change
- Disaster Risk Reduction and resilience
- Sustainable energy
- Human health and well-being in the urban environment

# Status of JRC partnership discussions

- ICSU ED to meet with JRC reps at Our Common Future conference in Paris July 2015 to discuss
- Items include – World Science Forum joint session, Resilience conference, links with Future Earth and IRDR