

12th July 2013

To: Union Member Contact Points

Subject: To introduce a new project – *High-Level Meeting of National-Level Science Advisors* – and to seek your invaluable input

Dear Members,

We are pleased to introduce a new project – a *High-Level Meeting of National-Level Science Advisors* to be held in conjunction with the 31st ICSU General Assembly in New Zealand, in August 2014.

This meeting will convene senior scientists who hold leading positions on science for policy at the national level, to discuss opportunities, challenges and best practices on national science-policy processes. The meeting will also explore the possibility for establishing an open, non-political global network of national science advisors. For more details please see the attached *Draft Project Proposal*.

We would like to seek your valuable input on a key question for the meeting: *Which thematic areas should such a high-level meeting address?*

Please feel free to broaden your input beyond the particular discipline(s) you represent, into areas where multiple fields of expertise intersect, such as disaster risk, scientific uncertainty, nuclear energy, science education, etc.

This project emerged from ICSU's post-Rio+20 discussions on how to elevate science-policy engagement around the world. The Executive Board believes that engaging those scientists closest to government leadership would add a critical dimension, and that ICSU has a natural role as a "global convener".

A Steering Group of eminent science-policy experts, led by Sir Peter Gluckman, Chief Scientific Advisor to the Government of New Zealand, is leading the preparation for this meeting.

Your input will be invaluable to this entire endeavour.

As the Steering Group plans to hold its first planning meeting in October, please send your input to maureen@icsu.org by **6st September 2013**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steven Wilson', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Steven Wilson
Executive Director

Attached

- Draft Project Proposal
- List of Steering Group

Steering Group Members

Sir Peter Gluckman, Chair, Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister, New Zealand

John Boright, Executive Director, International Affairs, U.S. National Academy of Sciences

Claus Hviid Christensen, Chairman, Danish Council for Research Policy and Director of Group R&D, Dong Energy

Anne Glover, Chief Scientific Advisor, European Commission

Zakri Abdul Hamid, Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of Malaysia and Chairman of the National Professors Council, Malaysia.

Romain Murenzi, Executive Director, TWAS

Carlos Nobre, National Secretary for R&D Policies at the Ministry of Science, Brazil

Sir Mark Walport, Government Chief Scientific Advisor, UK

James Wilsdon, Professor of Science and Democracy at the Science and Technology Policy Research, University of Sussex