

# INTERACADEMY PARTNERSHIP

## Terms of Reference

**Annex to Memorandum of Understanding between IAP, IAMP and IAC, signed on 17 July 2014**

### PREAMBLE

The InterAcademy Partnership will act as the umbrella organization for networks of merit-based academies of science, medicine and engineering and technology, with the aim of providing greater visibility and greater impact for the work of the networks and their member academies.

The organizations comprising the InterAcademy Partnership believe that the sciences (including engineering, technology, medicine, agriculture, social sciences, humanities and other disciplines) are an essential component for solving many local and global challenges, including poverty and sustainable development. The InterAcademy Partnership will therefore build on the individual strengths of its member organizations\*, and synergies thereof, to present a uniform and united front, especially with respect to collaborative activities and fundraising, presenting their work with 'one voice' to potential donors, governments and decision-makers, and the public. In this way, the InterAcademy Partnership aims to play an increasingly important role in the promotion of science to tackle global challenges.

\* Member organizations include regional networks of science academies, academies of science, and – in the case of IAMP/IAP for Health – medical academies and medical branches of science academies. Such academies and networks are highly respected for their expertise and independence when dealing with issues relating to science, policy and development.

### RULES OF PROCEDURE

#### The partners

The following three founding partners have a related history and have undertaken many collaborative activities:

Established in 1993 and currently with 107 members, **IAP – the global network of science academies** – believes that science, scientific knowledge and scientific progress are vital to advance human welfare and well-being. IAP is therefore committed to making the voice of science heard on issues of crucial importance to the future of humankind.

The **InterAcademy Medical Panel (IAMP)**, established in 2000, is a network of the world's medical academies and medical sections of academies of science and engineering. With its 73 members, IAMP is committed to improving health world-wide, especially in low- and middle-income countries.

Both IAP and IAMP are hosted by TWAS – The World Academy of Sciences for the advancement of science in developing countries – in Trieste, Italy. TWAS is a 'programme unit' within the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Created by the world's science academies in 2000, the **InterAcademy Council (IAC)** produces reports on scientific, technological and health issues related to the great global challenges of our time, providing knowledge and advice to national governments and international organizations. IAC is hosted by the Royal

Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and is registered under Dutch law.

Other organizations meeting the criteria of being well-established regional or global networks of merit-based academies of science will also be considered for membership of the InterAcademy Partnership by the Board (see below) of the InterAcademy Partnership.

These founding partners:

1. Agree to work together under an umbrella organization to be known as the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP);
2. The InterAcademy Partnership will build on the individual strengths of the three founding organizations, and synergies thereof, to present a uniform/united front, especially with respect to collaborative programmes and projects, and fundraising activities;
3. Confirm that, for the time being, each participating organization retains its autonomy with regard to its statutes/administrative structure/executive committee, projects and activities etc;
4. With regard to presenting a united vision of the InterAcademy Partnership, agree to make appropriate changes to the statutes/bylaws of each individual organization as soon as possible, including changing the names of the three organizations from IAP, IAMP and IAC, respectively, to:
  - a) IAP for Science;
  - b) IAP for Health; and
  - c) IAP for Research.
5. For the present, the InterAcademy Partnership will retain its two offices at TWAS, Trieste, Italy (administered by UNESCO) and at KNAW, the Netherlands. This situation will be kept under review as fundraising and other efforts move forward.
6. However, the founding members of the InterAcademy Partnership will work towards establishing a single legal entity.
7. Agree to maintain continued communication between the three organizations, especially with regard to Executive Committee/Executive Board meetings and General Assemblies; the development of new projects and programmes; fundraising activities and opportunities for collaboration between at least two of the three participating organizations;
8. To this end, the parties will establish a Board to be led by a Steering Committee composed of the 6 co-chairs of the three organizations. One representative from each of IAP's four regional affiliated networks will make up the remainder of the new Board (=10 people).
9. This Board shall:
  - a. Determine general InterAcademy Partnership policies and procedures;
  - b. Approve the initiation of InterAcademy Partnership projects, programmes, fundraising and other activities; and
  - c. Adopt and amend InterAcademy Partnership rules of procedure or other legal instruments.
10. The Board will also review applications from other credible regional or global networks of academies wishing to join the InterAcademy Partnership.
11. The Board will be co-chaired by two people, to be known as "Presidents", selected by consensus from among the six co-chairs of the three partner organizations – one representative from the low/middle income countries and one representative from the high income countries. As the term of office of an organization's co-chair ends, so that person will be replaced on the Board.
12. The Board may set up such standing or *ad hoc* committees as it deems necessary for the discharge of its tasks and responsibilities. One such example could be the current IAP/IAC Development

Advisory Committee (DAC) although such committees should have representation from each of the three participating organizations.

13. In this interim period, administration of funds raised and projects/programmes being implemented on behalf of the InterAcademy Partnership will be done collaboratively between the executive director of IAC and the coordinator of IAP/IAMP in consultation with the executive director of TWAS.
14. Observers of either IAP, IAC or IAMP will be invited to be observers of the InterAcademy Partnership. The Board may accept additional organizations as observers on the basis that they bring additional strength and impact to the activities of the Partnership.

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