



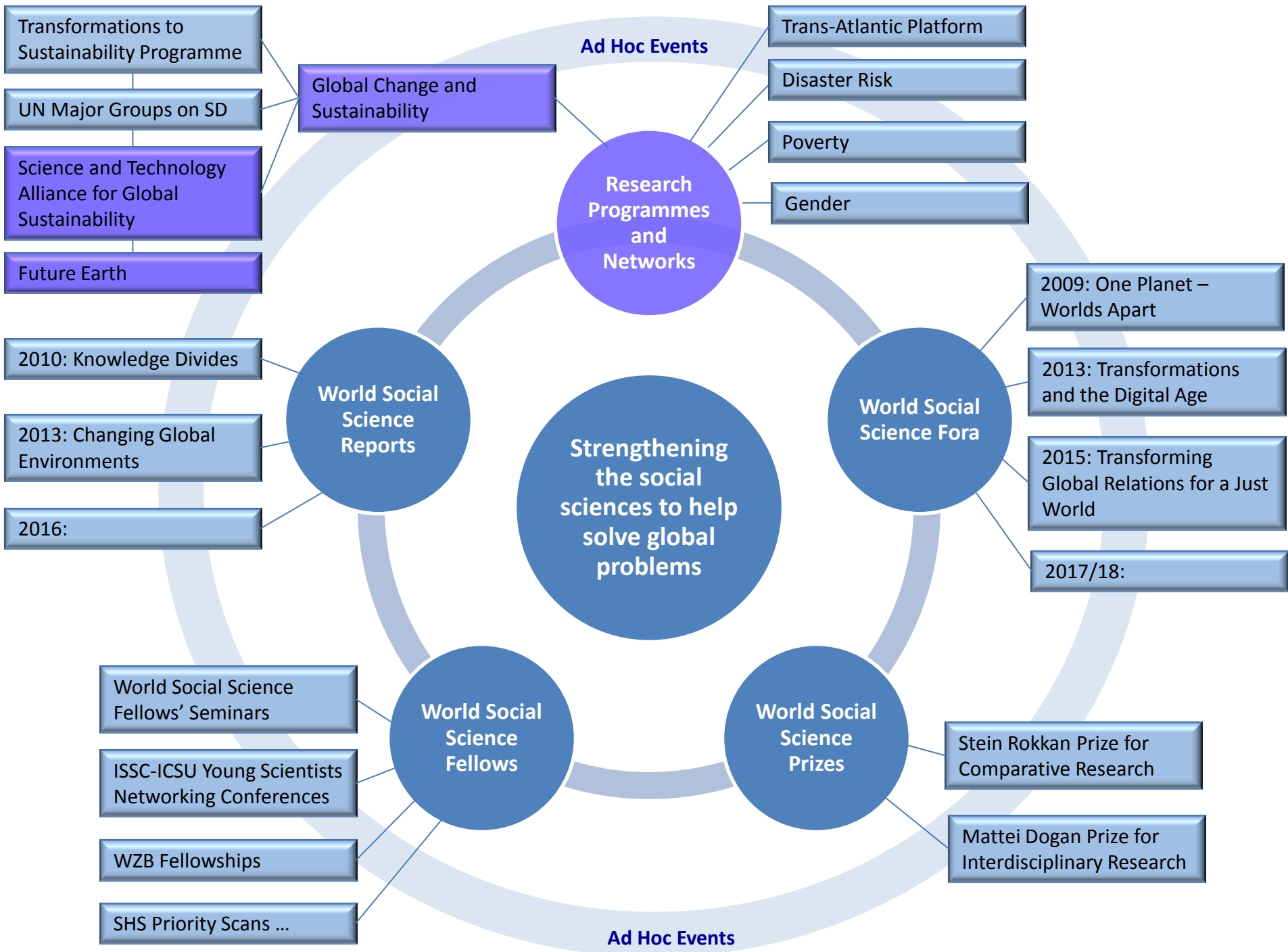
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The Science and Technology Alliance for Global Sustainability

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What is the Science and Technology Alliance for Global Sustainability?

- an informal, international partnership of organisations that have
- established Future Earth and
- function as its co-sponsors





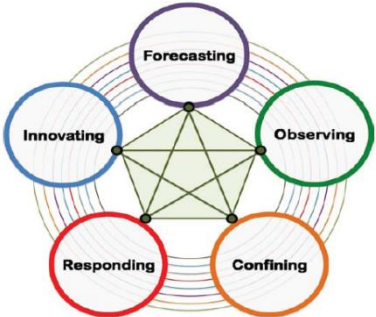
- **Origins: 2009-2010**
- **Alliance membership and governance**
- **Mission and objectives**
- **Activities to date**

Before 2008

Review of Global
Change Programmes

**ICSU – ISSC
Visioning**

2009



2009



ISSC GA 2010

Oct 2010

2012

futureearth
research for global sustainability

Converging towards a new
partnership and single
strategic framework

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Alliance members

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ICSU

International Council for Science

2013 Co-chairs:
Heide Hackmann (ISSC)
Tim Killeen (SUNY, was
Belmont Forum)



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Educational, Scientific and
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UNITED NATIONS
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Virtual Secretariat
based in France,
South Africa and
New York

Mission

To encourage and facilitate the **co-design, co-production and co-delivery of knowledge** with relevant stakeholders in order to address and create **solution pathways for global sustainability problems**



Objectives

- Promoting and monitoring the vitality of the international science, technology and innovation system
- Incentivizing the cooperation of natural, social, economic, engineering and human sciences
- Fostering the use of science, technology and innovation in equitable, sustainable decision making and practice at all levels, taking into account environmental, societal, cultural and geographic diversity.



Activities

- Appointed a Transition Team to design Future Earth
- Launched Future Earth at Rio+20
- Negotiated and prepared the transition of global change programmes into Future Earth
- Establishing Future Earth governance structures (process of nominations and selection panels):
 - Science Committee (June 2013)
 - Engagement Committee (October – December 2013)
 - Governing Council (late 2013 – early 2014)

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- Established an Interim Secretariat and appointed an Interim Director (Frans Berkhout)
 - Establishing a permanent, globally distributed secretariat (Bidder's conference: Nov 2013)
 - Developing and implementing a Future Earth funding strategy
 - Establishing a multi-stakeholder Forum (incl. donor agencies, World Bank, World Business Council for Sustainable Development)



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