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To: ISSC Member Associations, Organizations, Institutions, and Associate Members.

Cc: ISSC Executive Committee
ISSC co-sponsored programmes

Dear Colleagues,

ISSC-ICSU Transition Planning: Update and call for nominations

We would like to thank all of you warmly for your participation, whether in-person or virtually, at the recent joint meeting of ICSU and ISSC members, held in Oslo on 24 October 2016. The vote was a resounding endorsement for us to take the next steps in developing a joint vision and structure for a new, merged organization that can consolidate the strengths of both ISSC and ICSU while blazing a new trail for international science in the 21st century.

We must not, however, rest on our laurels and much work remains to be done in the coming year.

This is to inform you of the transition planning arrangements approved by the ICSU and ISSC executives. The attached document outlines an overall planning process, and includes the composition and terms of reference for the two working groups that we agreed to establish during the Oslo discussions: a **Transition Task Force (TTF)** and a **Strategy Working Group (SWG)**.

We are now seeking nominations from our members for both the TTF and the SWG.

The idea is to have a balanced membership of both ISSC and ICSU members in these groups. We are therefore calling for 4 people (2 from member organizations and institutions, and 2 from member associations and associate members) each from ISSC and ICSU for each group.

There are specific skill sets and qualifications required for the nominations; these are set out in Sections A(1) and B(1) of the attached document. We invite you to review these criteria, with a view to getting back to us by **15 December** with nominations. All nominations should be submitted through the online form: <https://www.jotform.com/63252869953368>

We apologize for the short notice on this request for nominations, but we are now bound by a very tight series of deadlines.

All nominations received will be reviewed and selected candidates appointed by the ISSC Executive Committee and the ICSU Executive Board, and we hope to make a final announcement on the composition of the groups by 20 December.

We look forward to working closely with all of you as we enter this new and exciting phase of development in the future of our organizations, and would like to take this opportunity to commit once again to an inclusive and transparent information exchange process throughout this transition planning phase. You will be kept regularly updated and given regular opportunities to check in with us and ask questions about where we are at, and what is going on.

The respective Executive Directors, Heide Hackmann (ICSU) and Mathieu Denis (ISSC), are at your disposal to answer any immediate questions you may have about this call for nominations or the transition process as described in the attached document.

Yours sincerely,



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Attached:

- Transition Planning Process document