Regional Research Councils Meeting

29th ISSC General Assembly
Montreal, October 2013
Participants:

• Arab Council for the Social Sciences (ACSS)

• Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)

• International Arctic Social Sciences Association

• Latin American Social Science Council (CLACSO)
The Value of Coming Together

• Getting to know one another, share experiences
  – Organisational structures, programmes and activities
  – Common challenges (research methodologies; funding...)

• Networking, Collaboration
  – Possible areas
  – South – South, South - North research consortia

• Critical issues being discussed in the regions
  – Higher education and Refugees in the Arab World;
  – Land, everywhere;
  – Land and water in North America
ISSC and the Regional Research Councils

• The ISSC for us: the global face of the social sciences, in their diversity; it should be social science at its best, so to say

• The regional councils can help implement ISSC programmes in their regions; e.g. the Global Change Project

• The regional councils can help enrich the ISSC/global research agenda
The Scanning Programme

• We are positive about it
  – Part of the ISSC / Global social science agenda setting exercise
  – Collectively identified priorities for the social sciences can help in negotiations with our governments

• But:
  – The scope shouldn’t be too broad
  – Fellows should bring up issues coming out of the research (NB: Priority for the social science fellows is their own research, build their careers)
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• Joint panels

• begin preparations now
Conclusion

Make these meetings a regular feature of the WSSF