Transformations to Sustainability Programme Proposal
(Agenda Item 13, Doc GAOct2013/10)

29th General Assembly Meeting
Montréal, 10-12 October 2013
Global Agenda - Setting Global Research Collaboration

Strengthening the social sciences to help solve global problems

Research Programmes and Networks

Ad Hoc Events

World Social Science Reports

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2010: Knowledge Divides

2013: Changing Global Environments

2016:

World Social Science Fellows

UN Major Groups on SD

Science and Technology Alliance for Global Sustainability

Future Earth

Transformations to Sustainability Programme

Global Change and Sustainability

Disaster Risk

Poverty

Gender

2009: One Planet – Worlds Apart

2013: Transformations and the Digital Age

2015: Transforming Global Relations for a Just World

2017/18:

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Ad Hoc Events
1. Recap: status at the time of our 2010 GA meeting
2. Subsequent project milestones
3. Introduction: the Global Change Design Project
4. The proposal: a summary
5. Conclusions
Status at the time of our 2010 GA

- Announced Sida’s interest in inviting the ISSC to design a 10 year social science research funding and coordination programme on climate change

- Welcomed as an important initiative that would also serve to support preparations for the 2013 World Social Science Report
Subsequent project milestones

- Signed an agreement with Sida in February 2011
- Submitted a first draft of a proposal for a Transformations to Sustainability programme in May 2012
- Revised the proposal and resubmitted in August 2013
- Decision from Sida expected at end November 2013
The Global Change Design Project
International Steering Group

ISSC Vice-President (Chair)
ISSC members: NWO, CODESRIA, CLACSO
Individual experts: Climate science, philosophy, education

- University of Pretoria, South Africa
- Center for International Climate and Environmental Research, Norway
- Brookings Institution, USA

Partner organisations:

- International Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Programme (IHDP)
- Programme on Climate Change Vulnerability, Impacts and Adaptation (PROVIA)
- UNESCO
- UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
- UN Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)
- Sida
Output 1: A social science knowledge framework

Transformative Cornerstones of Social Science Research for Global Change (2012)

- widely disseminated
- contributed to achievement of ISSC outcomes

Two workshops:

- Belmont Forum Agenda-Setting Workshop (supported by the Belmont Forum and ESRC)
- Workshop on science-policy-practice interfaces (convened by UNESCO)

Downloadable from www.worldsocialscience.org
and a process of global enquiry and consultation:

- European Science Foundation Foresight (2009-2011)
- ISSC-CIPSH Nagoya Symposium (2010)
- IHDP Survey (2011)
- ICSU-UNESCO Rio+20 Preparatory Meetings (2011)
- ISSC survey of experts recommended by ISSC members (2011)
- ISSC interviews with leading social scientists (2011-2012)
- International conferences/events, COP17 (2011)
Output 2: The Transformations Programme proposal

- Purpose and main objectives
- Added value
- Resources
- Grant scheme principles
- Governance
- Next steps
Purpose and main objectives

To strengthen the social science knowledge base needed to address global change and sustainability challenges, and to support the full integration of social scientists from all parts of the world in international research for sustainability

Strategically:

• Increase the social science contributions necessary to craft more effective, equitable and durable solutions to the problems of global change
• Increase the use of such knowledge by policy makers, practitioners, and other users of research
Added value

• A grants scheme to support international research collaboration and exchange activities, led by and benefiting the social sciences

• Resources to support the ISSC’s continued representation of the social sciences in international global change research programmes and policy initiatives

• Core ISSC Secretariat capacity
Resources (per annum, in Euros)

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which means leveraging from other sources
Grant scheme principles

- Social transformations to sustainability as an overarching, inclusive and integrative framework
  - The transformative cornerstones framework
  - Connecting poverty, development and global change research communities
- Trans-national collaboration
- Integrated research
- Solutions-oriented research: co-design and co-production of knowledge
- Capacity building
- Multiple funding modalities
Governance

- ISSC appointed
  - Multi-stakeholder Programme Steering Committee
  - ISSC Programme Management Team
- Link with Future Earth
  - Scientific Selection Panel
    - International Scientific Reviewers
- Overall management and coordination maintained by ISSC

Research council as implementation partner

Partner Community
Next steps

• Establish programme management team and steering committee (nominations-based)
• Present proposal to Belmont Forum in December 2013
• Prepare proposals for and discussions with other funders, including donor agencies
• Organise a scoping workshop to identify priorities for a first call
• Consider an initial phase for international, transdisciplinary partnership building
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