INGSA Africa

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Science Advice Learning Collaborative Workshop (AMASA-13)
Abuja, Nigeria, 13-14 Nov. 2017
International Network for Govt. Science Advice (INGSA)

• Forum to share experience, build capacity, and develop theoretical and practical approaches to use of scientific evidence in informing policy
• Established under auspices of ICSU in 2014 – ICSU 31st GA and 1st global summit of practitioners of science advice
• Headquartered in New Zealand
• Chair – Prof Sir Peter Gluckman, Chief Science Advisor to PM of NZ
• Supported by – ICSU, UNESCO, IDRC, Wellcome Trust, CSA Quebec...
Major activities of INGSA

Workshops

• Teaching materials
• Case book – real and fictional cases

INGSA workshops

• Demand side
• Supply side
• Individual/institutional

INGSA thematic dialogues

Partnership workshops - thematic
Major activities of INGSA

Website
  • Research materials
  • Information
  • Events
  • Blogs/News
Major activities of INGSA

Biennial meeting

Principles and guidelines
  • Development
  • Consultation

Dialogue with other core partners
  e.g.: SDGs, UNESCO
INGSA-Africa

- INGSA-Af = first regional chapter of INGSA
  - ASSAf
  - Steering Committee – March 2016
- Dakar workshop – 5th to 7th March 2017
  - ANSTS
  - Selection of francophone members on Steering Committee
  - INGSA-Af francophone sub-group
INGSA Africa

Goal: to raise awareness of science-policy advice and build a critical mass of enlightened practitioners in Africa

Activities;
• Surveys/studies to address gaps in science advice
• Afrocentric case studies
• Developing partnerships with academies and other stakeholders
• Science advice workshops
INGSA-Africa Committee

- Christian Acemah – Uganda
- Madiagne Diallo - Senegal
- Justine G. Nzweundji - Cameroun
- Richard Glover – ICSU ROA
- Oladoyin Odubanjo – Nigeria (Chair)
- Sameh Soror – Egypt
- Renee Street – South Africa
INGSA-AFRICA HIGHLIGHTS
Science Forum SA

• 8 – 9 December, 2016
• INGSA-Africa granted two side sessions
  • Discuss principles of science advice/case study
  • Introduce INGSA and discuss online survey
• INGSA received Science Diplomacy Award
Other activities

• Workshop on science advice – Dakar, 5-7 March, 2017 - ANSTS
• ASLP workshop – 28 March 2017, Pretoria (UP)
• Strategy retreat – 22-23 Aug, 2017 – Kampala (UNAS)
• Future workshops – SA, Rwanda, Kenya, Morocco
• Study – science advice landscape
Thank you

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