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Letter from the President

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Dear ISC Members,

In line with the ambition set out in [chapter 6](#) of the ISC 2019 – 2021 Action Plan, I am delighted to announce that the International Science Council is today launching a global [Call for Expressions of Interest to Host a Regional Presence of the ISC Global Secretariat](#). The call is specifically addressed to our members in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia and the Pacific.

Following several consultations with members in these regions, including virtual meetings, online surveys, and bilateral conversations, and taking into consideration the comments, feedback and proposals received, the ISC Governing Board has developed a [Strategy: Towards a future regional presence for the ISC](#). Its aim is to establish and support future ISC regional structures in order to build a globally distributed and coordinated ISC secretariat, which should be fully operational by January 2022.

As you know, the Regional Office in Latin America and the Caribbean, based in El Salvador, was closed by a decision of the El Salvadorian government in December 2019; and the current support arrangements for the Regional Offices in Africa, based in South Africa, and Asia and the Pacific, based in Malaysia, extend until March 2021 and September 2021, respectively.

As we look to the future, we seek to build on the success of our existing Regional Offices and rely on the engagement and support of ISC members as well as the organizations that support them and share a commitment to the Council's vision of advancing science as a global public good. The ISC Governing Board will welcome members' expressions of interest, and will work with members in strengthening the Council's regional presence.

The ISC looks forward to receiving your expressions of interest (to be submitted [online](#)) and to strengthening together the regional presence of the global ISC secretariat. The ISC Governing Board will keep the membership as a whole updated on the progress as the process unfolds.

Yours sincerely,

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President, International Science Council

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