

Global Conference on Science Advice to Governments: Final report available

The synthesis report of the first international conference of practitioners and scholars on Science Advice to Governments, which took place in Auckland on 28–29 August, is now available.

The conference, which was convened by the International Council for Science (ICSU) and hosted by the New Zealand Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, Sir Peter Gluckman, took place ahead of ICSU's General Assembly. It brought together some 200 participants, including science advisors, senior officials, representatives of national academies, experts and scholars from more than 40 countries across Africa, the Asia-Pacific region, Europe, the USA, Canada, and Latin America.

The aims of the conference were to:

1. Create an informal space for open discussion about the practice of science advice.
2. Start to build a peer network of science advice practitioners and scholars.
3. Respond to the growing global interest in the role of the scientific voice in policy-making and assess whether it is possible to develop a set of guiding principles for science advice.

ICSU will continue to work closely with Sir Peter Gluckman's office and other members of the Organising Committee to develop follow-up activities in 2015.

Download the report at <http://www.icsu.org/publications/reports-and-reviews/synthesis-report-of-the-science-advice-to-governments-conference-2014>

Further background on the August meeting can be found at the conference website:

www.globalscienceadvice.org