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# INGSA2024

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10 years of  
INGSA*

**The Transformation Imperative:  
Expanded Evidence for  
Inclusive Policies in  
Diverse Contexts**

**1 - 2 MAY 2024**

**Kigali Convention Centre  
Kigali, Rwanda**

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# Who we are

The International Network for Governmental Science Advice (INGSA) is the world's largest community of practice dedicated to enhancing the interfaces between knowledge producers and holders, public policy makers, and societies.

As a global network of over 5500 members in 140 countries, INGSA partners with some of the world's foremost experts and practitioners at the evidence-to-policy interface. These include science advisors and advisory mechanisms at all levels of government.

Since its establishment in 2014, INGSA's global conferences have led the way on the development and evolution of the study and practice of evidence-informed policymaking and science advice to governments. Previous INGSA conferences include Auckland (2014), Brussels (2016), Tokyo (2018) and Montreal (2021).



**INGSA2014:**  
1st Conference on  
Science Advice  
To Governments  
– Auckland,  
NZ

## 5th International Conference on Science Advice to Governments

On the 1st and 2nd May 2024, INGSA2024 will take place in Kigali, Rwanda.

As a regional leader, Rwanda is the perfect location for **INGSA's first conference in the Global South**. Rwanda is a dynamic and ambitious country that is actively investing in its evidence-to-policy ecosystems, including support for the foundation of a new regional hub for capacity building, the **INGSA-Africa Hub Rwanda**.

To read more on  
**INGSA's Strategic  
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and Constitution visit:**  
[www.ingsa.org/about/](http://www.ingsa.org/about/)



# Why Sponsor INGSA2024?

Our post-Covid, climate-shifted, and digitally evolving world is more attuned than ever to the role that robust knowledge should play in policy-making. Yet there are growing complexities in assuring this.

Science, in the broadest sense to include social sciences, the arts, and local knowledges, are increasingly looked upon for evidence and technology to support our necessary social transformations. Meanwhile, the drivers of polarisation, epistemic risk, and reduced trust in science have become more pronounced and pervasive.

There is an ever-present need to bolster, strengthen, and innovate the knowledge pathways between science-policy-society interfaces at subnational, national and global levels. These are critical to ensuring stable democracies, social cohesion, and our collective ability to meet the challenges and societal transitions encompassed in the 2030 sustainability agenda. There is no time for complacency.

With the clock ticking, INGSA2024 will be at the nexus of these issues, offering the perfect opportunity to integrate promising practices and lessons learned from around the world.

## Overarching Themes

*INGSA2024: The Transformation Imperative* will focus on new and evolving theories and practices of **inclusion and diversity in science advice to governments**. What does a more connected and inclusive science advice look like in its development, its goals, and its reception?

The conference will feature strong leadership from INGSA's established Regional Chapters in **Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean**, updates on new Chapters in **North America and Europe**, and highlight the establishment of the first linguistic division for INGSA, the **Réseau francophone international en conseil scientifique** (International francophone network for science advice).

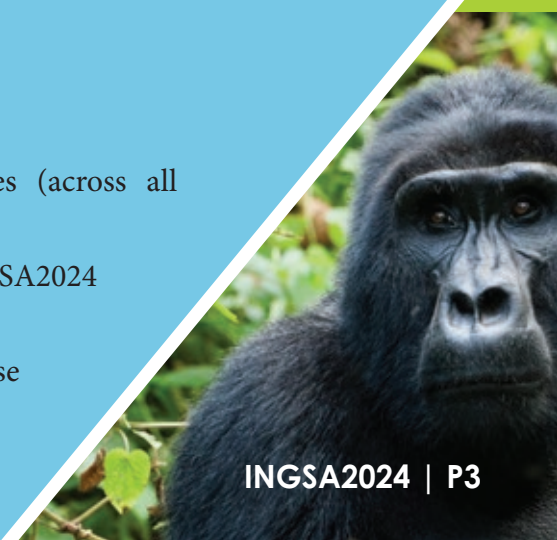
In doing so, INGSA2024 will highlight the issues of:

- ▶ linguistic, cultural, and jurisdictional context,
- ▶ intergenerational equity,
- ▶ collective action on global challenges, and
- ▶ increasingly pluralistic methods and roles that the sciences (across all disciplines) and societies play in decision-making.

For more detail on the **Conceptual Topics** that will be guiding INGSA2024 see the **Concept Note** at [www.ingsa.org/ingsa2024](http://www.ingsa.org/ingsa2024).

Rwanda and the broader Africa region are indicative of many of these challenges and opportunities. They provide the canvas for a rich, challenging, and future-focused meeting.

  
**INGSA2018:** Science  
Advice for a  
Changing World  
Conference –  
Tokyo, Japan



# Conference Host

INGSA is proud to be hosted by the Government of Rwanda.

## Conference Co-Chairs:

- ▶ Prof Rémi Quirion, President of INGSA and Chief Scientist of Québec
- ▶ Dr Oladoyin Odubanjo, Chair of INGSA-Africa and Executive Director of the Nigerian Academy of Science

**INGSA2016:**  
Towards A New  
Dialogue  
Conference  
– Brussels,  
Belgium



## Opportunities for Partners

In 2024 the world will be nearly 10 years into the SDGs, and will also mark 10 years of INGSA. We are looking for conference partnerships to enable an agenda-setting program underpinning the next phase of strengthening science advice ecosystems around the globe.

### Opportunities for partners include:

- ▶ Sponsoring and branding the INGSA2024 Conference Dinner, Welcome Cocktail, and daily Lunch/Coffee Breaks
- ▶ Sponsoring travel for delegates from Low and Middle Income Countries
- ▶ Supporting better public awareness of science advice ecosystems by sponsoring travel for media representatives and journalists from Low and Middle Income Countries
- ▶ Venue and logistics sponsorship including branding opportunities

Early partners will have the opportunity to maximise the value of their sponsorship with the possibility of:

- ▶ Negotiating a potential speaking place on the program, some content from which will be packaged for use within our video and podcast series for greater reach and longevity, including with partner cross-postings
- ▶ Logo on all conference collateral, conference website, and recognition across social media and *INGSA News* communications to the whole INGSA network
- ▶ The ability to secure satellite event opportunities and run your own workshop
- ▶ Booth in the Conference Foyer
- ▶ and to negotiate any other opportunities that will add value to the event

**INGSA2021:**  
Build  
Back Wiser  
Conference –  
Montreal, Canada



# Expected Attendance

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The conference in Rwanda will be the first time since Tokyo in 2018 that the global INGSA network will be able to gather in person to focus our collective intelligence on emerging issues, lessons learned, and novel practices in evidence-to-policy pathways. It will also be the first INGSA conference in Africa, and the first in the Global South.

*INGSA2024: The Transformation Imperative* is expected to bring together 500 delegates from across academia, policymaking, diplomacy, and the private sector to comprehensively examine the role and function of science-policy-society mechanisms at, and between, all levels of government. Delegates come to learn and share lessons and promising practices through case examples and emerging research in this evolving field.

As always, INGSA is committed to making our global conference as widely accessible as possible. As such there is no registration fee, but delegates and speakers are expected to meet their own costs, with limited sponsored travel bursaries available.



## Rwanda & the Kigali Convention Centre

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The iconic Kigali Convention Centre has been the premium events venue in Rwanda since its opening in 2016. The multifaceted design reflects a traditional Rwandan homestead. The dome shaped Auditorium reproduces a hut in the King's Palace whereas the hotel architectural façade replicates a traditional and colourful weaved basket. Despite this nod to the past, the centre also boasts the cutting-edge technology expected of a world class facility.

The country of Rwanda is likewise welcoming, vibrant, and ripe for exploration. Many tourism opportunities are available, either independently or through accredited tour agencies, including guided tours to see Rwanda's mountain gorillas.

Kigali is also home to the University of Rwanda and the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS), administrators of the Next Einstein Initiative.



## To Discuss Conference Sponsorship

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss tailored conference sponsorship opportunities with you and your organisation.

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## More information

The International Network for Governmental Science Advice (INGSA) is an Affiliated Body of the International Science Council.

INGSA's Global Secretariat is hosted by Koi Tū: Centre for Informed Futures at the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

Professor Rémi Quirion, Chief Scientist of Quebec is the President of INGSA.

INGSA partners with a diverse range of organisations internationally to support the work of our Regional Chapters.

For more information visit: [www.ingsa.org](http://www.ingsa.org)