



Scientific Advisory Board

Bridging Science and Policy for Impact



▶▶ THE MISSION

The Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board marks a vital step towards embracing the full potential of **science and technology for the collective benefit**. Through their collaborative efforts, Board members and the associated network institutions bolster the UN's capacity to address the intricate challenges and opportunities these advancements bring. They provide **independent insights** on trends at the intersection of science, technology, ethics, governance and sustainable development to support the UN System in anticipating, adapting to and leveraging scientific advancements for people, planet and prosperity.



VISION

The Scientific Advisory Board aims to transform the UN system by **breaking down silos** and unlocking scientific expertise across offices, fields and programmes. By fostering the integration of science into decision-making processes, the Board will enhance **evidence-based leadership** and strengthen the UN system's capacity to address global challenges. Additionally, it will help build **trust in science** both within the UN and among the broader public.

DESIGN

Composed of eminent scholars alongside UN Chief Scientists, the Board demonstrates **agile** expertise, **legitimate** alignment with UN policy and programmes and **diverse** representation through its global network institutions.

2025 PRIORITIES

- **Science Advice:** science briefs for the Secretary-General and horizon scanning briefing for Senior Management Group.
- **Science Communication:** products on cross-cutting issues, social media engagement across platforms; local forums; public science repositories; annual surveys; science literacy programmes.
- **Science Connection:** digital connection platform; briefings to Resident Coordinators; support for UN Science, Technology, and Innovation Forum and other events; support for international scientific panels.

