

**STATUTES OF THE SCIENTIFIC BOARD
OF THE INTERNATIONAL BASIC SCIENCES PROGRAMME**

Article 1

- 1.1 The International Basic Sciences Programme, hereinafter referred to as the “IBSP”, aims at the reinforcement of intergovernmental cooperation in strengthening national capacities in the basic sciences and science education through major region specific actions involving a network of national, regional and international centres of excellence or benchmark centres in the basic sciences (32 C/Resolution 14, para. 6(a)(iii)).
- 1.2 A Scientific Board, hereinafter referred to as the “Board”, is hereby established as a category V Advisory Committee to monitor the IBSP and to advise the Director-General thereon. In conformity with the rules concerning Advisory Committees, the reports of the Board shall be addressed to the Director-General, who shall decide what use shall be made of them. The Executive Board shall be kept informed by the Director-General of the results of the Committee’s proceedings.

Article 2

- 2.1 The Board shall be composed of up to 30 members appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO following consultation with National Commissions for UNESCO, and principal partners of UNESCO in the basic sciences, such as the Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), the International Council for Science (ICSU) and its scientific unions particularly specialized in the fields of basic sciences.
- 2.2 Members appointed to the Board shall be scientists actively engaged in activities in the basic sciences that relate to the objectives of the IBSP in research, science education, science management and the promotion of international cooperation, taking into account an equitable geographical distribution, participation of women scientists and involvement of international non-governmental scientific organizations – major partners with which UNESCO has signed an Agreement on Cooperation within IBSP (c.f. Article 5.2). All members of the Board shall be specialists serving in an individual capacity.
- 2.3 Members of the Board shall be appointed for a term of three years. Taking into account both the need for continuity and the need for rotation of membership, members shall be eligible for reappointment for a further term of three years, but shall not serve continuously for more than six years and every three years, at least half of the Board members shall be replaced.
- 2.4 In case of death or resignation of an appointed member, this member may be replaced for the remainder of his/her term in accordance with the procedure defined in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 above.
- 2.5 Each appointed member shall have one vote.
- 2.6 The representative designated by the Director-General of UNESCO shall be an *ex officio* member of the Board with no right to vote.

Article 3

- 3.1 The Board shall meet at least once a year at the invitation of UNESCO. If necessary, the Board may provide its advisory service through the use of electronic means of communication.
- 3.2 Member States and Associate Members of UNESCO may send observers to sessions of the Board.
- 3.3 Representatives of the United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system may attend the sessions of the Board. Other intergovernmental organizations may be invited by UNESCO to send observers to meetings of the Board.
- 3.4 Observers of interested international scientific organizations may be invited to attend sessions of the Board in accordance with the regulations and rules in force in UNESCO.
- 3.5 Representatives of the Regional IBSP Committees, referred to in Article 6 below, may, if necessary, be invited to attend sessions of the Board even if they are not members of the Board.
- 3.6 Representatives and observers referred to in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.5 above shall not have the right to vote.

Article 4

- 4.1 At its first session, the Board shall elect from among its members a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons. These shall form the Board's Bureau that shall also include, as an *ex officio* member, the designated representative of the Director-General referred to in Article 2.6.
- 4.2 The Board shall elect a new Bureau at each of its sessions following renewal of its membership, in accordance with Articles 2.1 to 2.3. Members of the Bureau shall be eligible for re-election.
- 4.3 UNESCO may convene meetings of the Bureau between, or in conjunction with, sessions of the Board or, if possible, replace these meetings by consultations with the use of information and communication technologies.
- 4.4 The Board may assign to its own Bureau certain duties such as the approval of reconsidered and modified IBSP project proposals, progress reports on IBSP projects or revised final reports of IBSP projects.
- 4.5 The Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure, which shall be submitted to the Director-General for approval.

Article 5

- 5.1 When complying with Article 1.2, the Board shall be responsible for supervising from the scientific and from the monitoring points of view, the implementation of IBSP, for studying proposals concerning developments and modifications of the programme, for assisting in the development of national, regional and international projects related to IBSP, for evaluating project proposals received, and for making recommendations on

new IBSP projects and IBSP projects being implemented, and for any measures that may be required for the successful implementation and development of the programme.

- 5.2 The Board may recommend to the Director-General the granting of status of major IBSP partner to international or regional non-governmental or intergovernmental scientific organizations already officially recognized by UNESCO (NGO Directives or Agreements with IGOs) that envisage sustained commitment to both cooperation in the implementation of the programme and the provision of financial resources for programme activity. This status of major IBSP partner shall be granted in the framework of an Agreement on Cooperation within IBSP signed by the Director-General or his representative.
- 5.3 The Board shall monitor the development of international and regional partnerships within IBSP with scientific non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, in particular those to which UNESCO has granted the status of major IBSP partner, and shall report to the Director-General thereon.
- 5.4 The Board may suggest changes in the policy, scope or organization of IBSP to the Director-General of UNESCO.
- 5.5 In carrying out its activities, the Board may make full use of the facilities offered by UNESCO, other international organizations, governments and foundations.
- 5.6 The Board may consult appropriate international, regional or national governmental and non-governmental scientific and educational institutions concerning proposals for IBSP projects and partnerships in the implementation of IBSP projects.
- 5.7 The Board shall, when required, coordinate IBSP with other related international scientific programmes, especially with UNESCO's IGCP, IHP, IOC, MAB and MOST programmes.

Article 6

- 6.1 A secretariat for IBSP and its Board shall be provided at UNESCO Headquarters by UNESCO. The designated representative of the Director-General of UNESCO shall be Executive Secretary of the IBSP.
- 6.2 The secretariat shall take the steps required for the convening of the sessions of the Board.

Article 7

- 7.1 The Board shall prepare and submit a report on the progress of IBSP to each session of the General Conference of UNESCO. On this occasion, the report shall also be submitted to the governing bodies of the organizations having the status of a major IBSP partner (c.f. Article 5.2).
- 7.2 The Chairperson of IBSP shall join the Steering Group of Chairpersons of the international intergovernmental programmes of UNESCO, namely: IGCP, IHP, IOC, MAB and MOST, and shall contribute to the Joint Communication of the Chairpersons to the Director-General and the General Conference at each of its sessions.

Article 8

These Statutes may be amended by the Executive Board by a simple majority, except when they reproduce provisions of existing rules or other UNESCO legislative texts.