



First Strategic Plan of the Science Council of Asia
(From the End of the 2008 Conference until the 2011 Conference)

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Based on the Seventh Science Council of Asia Conference's Joint Statement, The Future of the SCA (hereafter "Future of the SCA"), the SCA shall establish a strategic plan for the SCA activity, as described below, for the three years from the end of the 2008 Conference until the 2011 Conference (hereafter "Duration of the First Strategic Plan") to more effectively achieve the purposes in I below.

I Objectives of the SCA (according to 2. of the Statutes of the Science Council of Asia)

- 1 To provide scientists in all fields, including cultural and social as well as natural sciences and technology, a collaborative platform for promoting scientific exchange and cooperation in Asia for the improvement of human society.
- 2 To develop and promote a holistic vision by integrating the emerging advances in science and technology with Asian wisdom, values and heritage, focusing on sustainable development and improvement in quality of life.

II Initiatives to Date

Following the First Conference of the Science Council of Asia, held in Bangkok, Thailand in 2001 under the theme of "Urgent Agenda for Asian Sustainability through Science and Technology," there have been a total of eight conferences up to the conference in May 2008 in Qingdao, China on the theme of "Sustainable Development on Marine Resources and Environment." In line with the objectives in the aforementioned I, beneficial discussion and recommendations from a scientific standpoint have been offered on various important issues encompassing Asia. In addition, member organizations have collaborated to launch a large number of joint research projects.

Among them, "Sustainability Science in Asia" issued its final report in June 2005. The projects "A Comparative Study of the Research Conditions of Women Scientists and the Present States of Women's/Gender Studies' in Asian Countries Towards the Sustainable Development," as well as "Recommendation for International Collaboration on Natural Hazard Reduction" each issued interim reports in March 2006. These reports presented highly useful recommendations not only for member

organizations, but also for Asia and in turn, the world.

At the Seventh Conference held in Okinawa, Japan in June 2007, two joint statements were adopted on the themes of “Energy and Environment” and “The Future of the SCA.” As part of the “Concrete Action for the Future of the SCA,” the latter states, “We adopt a three-year strategic plan for the SCA activity and aim to resolve at the Eighth Conference in China next year.”

III Principles of Activity for the Duration of the First Strategic Plan

During the Duration of the First Strategic Plan and based on the initiatives undertaken to date in the aforementioned II, the SCA fully recognizes the increasing gravity of a variety of major issues that encompass our world today, including climate change, energy, poverty and infectious diseases. We shall actively develop our activities in order to fulfill our role as an international scientific society representing Asia, selecting for targeted examination pressing issues in Asia that are closely connected to these global issues and offering befitting intellectual integration as well as intellectual recommendations.

IV Main Activities for the Duration of the First Strategic Plan

Based on I to III above, the main activities of the SCA for the Duration of the First Strategic Plan shall be as follows.

1 Holding of conferences and other meetings, etc.

(1) Conferences shall be held in Singapore in 2009, in the Philippines in 2010, and in Mongolia in 2011.

(2) At each conference, the host country shall take the lead in striving for adoption of a joint statement of the SCA based on the theme of the conference.

2 Further Promotion of Joint Research Projects

(1) Based on “The Future of the SCA,” we shall continue to actively launch new joint research projects on themes that are urgent issues in Asian countries, namely energy, climate change, innovation, information, agriculture, food, natural disasters, biodiversity, and the functional enhancement of member organizations in Asia. The Management Board shall lead selection of new joint research projects, with one or two themes adopted annually by a resolution of the General Assembly based on “The Future of the SCA.” Reports shall be

provided to persons affiliated with governments and academia, the media and other relevant parties of each country.

- (2) Based on “The Future of the SCA,” new joint research projects in (1) above shall make reports every two years to the General Assembly, and other ongoing projects shall in principle make reports annually to the General Assembly.
- (3) In principle, new joint research projects in (1) above as well as ongoing research projects in (2) above shall submit a final report and conclude the project within three years of the project launch.

3 Recommendations on Activity Results to Policy Decision Makers in Each Country

Member organizations shall endeavor to make appropriate reports and recommendations on SCA results during the Duration of the First Strategic Plan to the policy decision makers of each country.

4 Examination of New SCA Framework

The 2011 Conference will mark the 11th Conference since the inception of the SCA. Each member country will have hosted one Conference and the Duration of the First Strategic Plan will come to a close, representing a juncture for the current organization and its governance as per its financial foundation and other matters. Following the 2011 Conference, however, expectations of the SCA and its role will only grow. To satisfactorily meet these expectations as an international scientific organization representing Asia, reinforcement and reform of our organization and framework, including our financial foundation will be essential.

Therefore, we shall begin examination of the new framework necessary for the SCA to achieve further development. We shall reach an agreement at the 2011 Conference, if possible. In order to conduct this examination, the SCA shall establish the “New Framework Examination Committee” (tentative name) in 2008 under the Management Board, according to 9. (1) of the Statutes of the SCA. Furthermore, this committee shall also examine ways to use economic assistance from public and private institutions, based on “The Future of the SCA.”

5 Enhanced International Collaboration

The SCA shall strive to establish various cooperative frameworks with other international organizations, including the ICSU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.

6 Review of the First Strategic Plan

Results of the First Strategic Plan shall be announced at the 2010 Conference and the status of progress and other issues shall be discussed.

V Division of Roles for the Duration of the First Strategic Plan

For the SCA to efficiently and effectively conduct the activities listed in IV above, each organization shall sufficiently fulfill the roles described below in coordination with the Secretariat.

1 Roles of the Chairing Country (Host country of the next conference)

Take responsibility in preparing appropriate theme proposals, program proposals and statement proposals for the conference.

2 Roles of the Committee under the Managing Board

The New Framework Examination Committee shall compile its examination results before the end of 2009. The committee shall submit a report to the Management Board. The committee shall also take responsibility in collecting the relevant information and ensuring its provision to member organizations.

3 Roles of the Management Board

The Management Board shall receive report from the committee on their examination results mentioned in 2 above and promptly create a Management Board proposal. The Management Board shall submit a resolution at the 2010 Conference for the new framework and aim to reach a determination on these resolutions at the 2011 Conference.

4 Roles of Member Organizations Other than 1-3 Above

Member organizations other than those included in 1-3 above shall reconfirm the objectives of the SCA and actively undertake activities positively based on the First Strategic Plan.