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In a landmark event for the international science-policy interface, ICSU is convening a major global summit of leading practitioners of high-level science advice to governments. Dedicated to an examination of the current and future state of the practice, the two-day meeting will be hosted and chaired by Sir Peter Gluckman, Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of New Zealand.

There is increasing recognition worldwide that the work of Chief Science Advisors and other Science Advisory Committees is of critical importance in the task of improving dialogue and collaboration among science, policy and society. To that end, this meeting will explore and share the best practices with which science advice is operationalised in different countries and in relation to some of the most challenging policy contexts such as science advice in situations of crisis, and provision of collaborative multi-national science advice. The feasibility of setting up an enduring global network of science advisors will be explored.



The Auckland skyline. Photo: James F. Clay via Flickr

“Nations around the world are facing serious challenges relating to food, water and energy security, health and environmental change, and there are ever increasing demands for science advice. This meeting brings together those at the centre of providing advice to governments on these critical, global issues to share best practices and learn from each other,” said Steven Wilson, Executive Director of ICSU.

The organising committee for the meeting comprises:

Dr. John Boright, Executive Director of International Affairs at US National Academies

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Dr. Hamid Zakri, Prime Minister's Science Advisor, Malaysia; founding Chair
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