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POOLING COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE FOR ACTION



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In this wider formation, the March 2024 Event will:

Prepare joint messaging from global scientific communities calling for pooling collective intelligence across the International Panels and Science-Policy Interfaces to effectively address the polycrisis and related challenges.

Facilitate and activate cooperation across International Panels and Science-Policy Interfaces.

Support learning communities of practice optimizing collective expertise and Science-Policy Interfaces at local, national and international levels and across scales, where local actions are effective levers of synergies essential to achieving national and international targets, such as Nationally Determined Contributions and National Biodiversity Strategies and Plans.

Define how this community can better coordinate its collaboration to contribute to the UN International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development 2024-2033 and in global fora such as CFS and UN Convention COPs.

Increase the representation and participation of multiple and diverse knowledge systems, notably those of marginalized communities.

Initiated in early 2021, the Montpellier Process has established a collaborative and safe working space across leading International Panels that facilitates collective intelligence, strengthening the science-policy and science-society interfaces key to unlocking sustainable, equitable and just development, where food systems are a catalytic transformation lever.

The Montpellier Process is reconvening the involved scientific community in March 2024, inviting a larger and broader coalition of partners.

Taken together, these actions, when supported by the Montpellier Process, provide real potential to translate Expert Panels recommendations into credible and scalable action.

18 MARCH 2024 18:30
AUDITORIUM EINSTEIN
CORUM CONVENTION CENTER

FROM RAISING THE ALARM TO SAVING THE PLANET: SCIENCE MOBILIZES

**Keynote address by Carlos ALVAREZ PEREIRA,
Secretary General of The Club of Rome**

What to expect from science?

Locally

Michael Delafosse, Mayor of Montpellier, President of Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole

Nationwide

Ruy López Ridaaura, Mexican Vice Minister of Health

Worldwide

Gerda Verburg, ex-United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, ex-Minister of Agriculture of the Netherlands

How to make scientific knowledge “actionable”?

Food and sustainable development

Akiko Suwa-Eisenmann,
Chair of the High-Level Panel of Experts of the United Nations Committee on World Food Security (HLPE-FSN)

Health and sustainable development

Thomas Mettenleiter, Co-Chairman of the One Health High Level Expert Group (OHHLEP)

Biodiversity and sustainable development

Sandra Diaz, professor of ecology at the National University of Córdoba (Argentina), one of the world's top 1% researchers

Climat and sustainable development

Heide Hackmann, co-chair of a recent UN report on the links between climate change and the SDGs

Strengthening the interface between science and policy

Elisabeth Claverie de Saint Martin, President and CEO of CIRAD

Conclusion

Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, President of CGIAR,
Philippe Augé, President of the University of Montpellier.

WELCOME COFFEE
8:30 · FOYER PASTEUR

19 MARCH 2024 09:00
AUDITORIUM PASTEUR

PLENARY

Opening & Welcome from the Co-Hosts

Philippe Augé, President of the University Montpellier

Lindiwe Sibanda, Chair of the CGIAR System Board

Michaël Delafosse, President of Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole

Jalil Benabdillah, Vice-President of Occitanie Region in charge of Economy, Employment, Innovation and Reindustrialization

19 MARCH 2024 09:25
AUDITORIUM PASTEUR

PLENARY

Context, ambition and tone setting

Patrick Caron, Fabrice DeClerck, Amanda Harding

Pooling Collective Intelligence for Action: the ambition

The challenge: building a connecting tissue across sectors, across scales and across knowledge systems

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AUDITORIUM PASTEUR

PLENARY · PANEL

The Framing: a common starting point and shared ambition

PANEL 1

Why knowledge makes a difference but still fails to meet the challenges of the Global South and raise Global South voices: role of science and diverse knowledge systems.

Moderator: Heide Hackmann Hackmann (University of Pretoria, South Africa)

Panelists: Ibrahim Assane Mayaki (African Union Special Envoy for Food Systems), Elisabeth Claverie de Saint Martin (CIRAD), Sandra Diaz (Conicet, Argentina)

PANEL 2

Pooling collective intelligence: a disruptive imperative for transition, transformation, change and revolution a mixed panel of leading scientists and policy makers exploring the future looking PCI possibilities.

Moderator: Gerda Verburg

Panelists: Denis Naughten (Inter-Parliamentary Union Science and Tech Working Group, Geneva), Mamphela Ramphele (Club de Rome), Stefanos Fotiou (Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub), Mercy Orina (University of Nairobi), Jonathan Vivas Aragon (Michigan State University)

The assets we have: expert intervention mapping SPI principles for collaboration, existing collaboration, and typologies

Expert intervention: Preetmoninder Lidder (FAO).

Orientation: Jim Skea (IPCC) and David Obura (IPBES)

BREAK
11:15 · FOYER PASTEUR

19 MARCH 2024 11:45
AUDITORIUM PASTEUR

INTERACTIVE FISH BOWL

What is it going to take for collaboration across institutions scales, sectors, actors and knowledge systems to really move the dial on effective science-policy-society interfaces? What have we learnt so far, where can we do better and what does success actually look like?

Expectations, barriers and enablers for cooperation and collaboration across scales, sectors, actors and knowledge systems...

Crossing perspectives from civil society, government, UN bodies, private sector, and others

Moderator: Cargele Masso (CGIAR) · **Conversation openers:** Ajay Jakhar (BKS India), Barbara Burlingame, (UN Food systems hub / SAC), Francisco Rosado-May (Universidad Intercultural Maya), Joao Campari (WWF).

LUNCH
13:00 · SPACE JOFFRE

19 MARCH 2024 14:00
SPACE JOFFRE

PARALLEL WORKING SESSION #1

WHAT is working and not working in local/national spaces key to food systems transformation

Context, ambition and tone setting:

Real life Use Case experiences integrating knowledge and action across scales, sectors and knowledge systems. Exploring expectations, barriers and enablers for cooperation and collaboration across scales, sectors, actors and knowledge systems. Topics illustrated by living use cases anchored in local and national action areas, where knowledge communities are collaborating to strengthen real-life impact.

Topics and related Use Case examples:

1. National food system transformation pathways: Mexico, Vietnam
2. National food system transformation pathways: Cambodia, Switzerland
3. City food systems transformation: São Paulo, Montpellier
4. Socio-ecological landscapes/territories: Occitanie (France), Tunisia (Pacte Project)
5. Trade policy: OECD
6. Consumers/citizens agency and action: Kenya, Costa Rica

BREAK

15:30 · FOYER PASTEUR

19 MARCH 2024 16:00
SPACE JOFFRE

PARALLEL WORKING SESSION #2

HOW knowledge systems integrate, contribute and participate

Building on the Use Cases to align on conditions and levers to catalyze the integration and use of knowledge across sectors, scale and knowledge systems, strengthening science-policy-society interfaces.

Paying attention to ensure coherence across scales; capacity to assess collective cross-scale knowledge for agrifood systems transformation; data, information, and knowledge flows for learning across scales; coordination with Science-Policy Interfaces at all relevant scales.

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AUDITORIUM PASTEUR

POOLING THE DAY 1 COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE:

What we've heard so far Day 1 Wrap up and Looking Forward to Day 2

GALA RECEPTION

19:00 · CORUM LEVEL 4

WELCOME COFFEE
8:30 · FOYER PASTEUR

20 MARCH 2024 9:00
AUDITORIUM PASTEUR

OPENING & WELCOME

Patrick Caron & Juan Lucas Restrepo (CGIAR)

Review of Day 1 and looking forward to Day 2

Challenge and comment - Gilles Kleitz (AFD)

20 MARCH 2024 9:30
AUDITORIUM PASTEUR

WORLD CAFÉ

Designing connections and proposing actions for more effective decision making across models, scientific communities, scientists and decision makers, sectors. Building on Day 1 conversation outputs

Table hosts PCI4A Champions: Jim Woodhill (Foresight4Food), Jean-François Soussana (INRAE), Elen Lemaitre-Curri (CIHEAM), Sebastien Treyer (IDDRI), Sylvie Avallone (Institut Agro), Eric Welch (ASU), Raina Plowright (Univ. Cornell)

Curators: LeeAnn Jackson (OECD), Bill Moseley (Macalester College), Selim Louafi (CIRAD), Renaud DePlaen (IDRC), Hugo Rivera-Mendoza (Expertise France), Vanessa McBride (ISC)

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WORLD CAFÉ CONTINUED

**Taking pooling collective intelligence to action
Focus on options, proposals and their implications for pooling collective intelligence for action: key actions harvested from previous working sessions**

Table hosts tbc: Jim Woodhill (Foresight4Food), Jean François Soussana (INRAE), Elen Lemaitre-Curri (CIHEAMM), Sebastien Treyer (IDDRI), Sylvie Avallone (Institut Agro), Joao Campari (WWF), Eric Welch (ASU), Raina Plowright (Univ. Cornell)

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LUNCH
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DAY 2 ///

INTERFACES IN ACTION: LISTENING, CHALLENGING AND COMMITTING TO ACTION

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PITCH & PANELS

Forward looking actions for interrogation and commitment.

Pitch-style report backs from morning session in two rounds to two consecutive panels of thought and action leaders ready to critique, challenge and construct leading to open-mic contributions.

Framing by Guillaume Grosso (CGIAR)

PANEL 1:

Moderator: Jean-François Soussana (INRAE)
Carlos Alvarez Pereira (Club of Rome)
Cromwell Lukorito (IPCC)
Karen Fabbri (European Commission)
Patrick Okori (RuForum)
Thomas Mettenleiter (OHHLEP)
Jean-Luc Chotte (IRD)

PANEL 2:

Moderator: Joao Campari (WWF)
Aggrey Agumya (FARA)
Akiko Suwa-Eisenmann (HLPE-FSN)
Belinda Reyers (University of Pretoria)
Jaime Montoya (ISG - GSDR2023)
Juan Lucas Restrepo (CGIAR)
Ankitha Manohar (University of Leeds)
Rodney Asilla (University of Pretoria)

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JOINT MESSAGE

Refining the Expert Panels and Science-Policy Interfaces joint message and ambition narrative: towards the 2024-2033 International Decade decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development

Patrick Caron & Fabrice DeClerck

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Wrap up

by Francois Pierrot (University of Montpellier) & Ismahane Elouafi (CGIAR)



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