

# Chief Science Advisors Open Dialogue 2024

## Open Session:

Open Dialogue: "Impact of the science advice mechanism in building trust in science at the national, regional and international levels."

### 10:00 - Welcome Address

*Dr Lidia Brito, Assistant Director-General, Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO*

### 10:08 - Welcome Remarks

*H.E. Mr Vishal Sharma, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of India to UNESCO*

### 10:12 - Opening Remarks

*Prof. Ajay K. Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India*

### 10:20 - Keynote Speech

*Prof. Remy Quirion, Chair, International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA)*

### 10:40 - Panel Discussion

*Moderator: Ms Ayaka Suzuki, Director, Strategic Planning and Monitoring Unit Executive Office of the Secretary-General; UN SG-Scientific Advisory Board*

- **Prof. Maria Chiara Carrozza**, President, National Research Council of Italy (CNR); Chair, European Science Advisors Forum (ESAF); Chair, Research 7+ Engagement Group; former Minister of Education, University and Research
- **Dr Mlungisi Cele**, Head, National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI), South Africa
- **Sir Peter Gluckman**, President, International Science Council
- **Prof. Charlotte Watts**, Chief Science Adviser, FCDO, United Kingdom

### 11:50 - Key Insights from the Session

*Dr Parvinder Maini, Scientific Secretary, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India*

### 11:55 - Closing Remarks

*Dr Lidia Brito, Assistant Director-General, Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO*



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# Chief Science Advisors Roundtable 2024

## Closed Session:

Fostering open science, bridging knowledge asymmetry  
and building science advice capacity globally

### 14:00 - Welcome Remarks

*Dr Lidia Brito, Assistant Director-General, Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO*

### 14:10 - Opening Address

*Prof. Ajay K Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India*

### 14:15 - Presentation on the Theme

*Dr Parvinder Maini, Scientific Secretary, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, India*

### 14:30 - Session 1

Interventions by Heads of Delegations (3 minutes each): *Australia\*, Botswana\*, Brazil\*, Canada\*, Denmark, Egypt\*, EU, France, Germany\*, Indonesia\*, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya\*, Latvia\*, Netherlands, New Zealand\*, Norway, Panama\**

### 15:30 - Coffee Break

### 16:00 - Session 2

Interventions continued: *Portugal, Republic of Cyprus, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Tunisia, UK, USA; Interventions by international organisations: INGSA, ISC, OECD, TWAS, UNEP, UN Secretary General's Scientific Advisory Board, UNESCO, WHO*

### 16:40 - Endorsing the Outcome Statement

Endorsing principles and recommendations based on deliberations of CSAs and equivalents to feed into various multilateral forums, initiatives, and processes

### 17:45 - Statement on CSAR 2025

*Dr Mlungisi Cele, Head, National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI), South Africa*

### 17:50 - Concluding Remarks

*Dr Charaf Ahmimed, Senior Advisor to the Director-General; UNESCO's G20 Sherpa*

*\*Online participants*

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