International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (2024–2033)

Proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on 25 August 2023, the **International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (IDSSD)** is a global initiative led by **UNESCO** to harness the full potential of science in support of the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

Building on the momentum of the International Year of Basic Sciences, the Decade promotes **interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary collaboration**, uniting basic, applied, social, and human sciences to drive transformative societal change. It emphasizes the importance of **scientific literacy**, the **co-production of actionable knowledge**, and **equitable access** to the benefits of scientific progress for all.

To guide and coordinate its implementation, the Science Decade has established a **Secretariat**, an **Executive Committee**, and an **Advisory Committee**. The Executive Committee includes six Member State representatives from each of UNESCO's electoral groups, alongside representatives from UN agencies (UNEP, WMO, UNU, WHO, IAEA, FAO, and UNESCO), the scientific community, and civil society.

The Science Decade was officially launched on **2 December 2024** at the **CILAC Forum in Colombia**, marking a key milestone in global scientific cooperation for sustainable development.

The **First Call for Initiatives** under IDSSD was launched in November 2024 and received **over 200 proposals**, highlighting a strong global commitment to science-based action.

To support local implementation, UNESCO is collaborating with countries to establish **National Committees**, ensuring that Science Decade initiatives are aligned with national priorities and effectively executed on the ground. In addition, we are actively working to

develop thematic **Working Groups** across various scientific and societal domains. These groups will help coordinate collaborative projects under the Science Decade, mobilize resources, and facilitate effective implementation within their respective focus areas.