

Commitment adopted by the Citizen Science Global Partnership

CITIZEN SCIENCE complements conventional scientific research and Earth Observations by engaging people in the scientific process. CITIZEN SCIENCE provides a unique opportunity to deliver quality data, fill crucial in situ data gaps, turn data into information and knowledge, and drive behavioural change. CITIZEN SCIENCE thus plays a key role in supporting the UN 2030 Agenda.

Participation in CITIZEN SCIENCE continues to expand globally crossing national, cultural and ethnic boundaries, and making sure no-one is left behind. CITIZEN SCIENCE recognises the value of local and indigenous knowledge. Use of CITIZEN SCIENCE data is growing, with national reporting on topics such as plastics pollution and biodiversity. CITIZEN SCIENCE data is used to train and improve machine-learning algorithms to deliver faster Big Data analysis.

The **Citizen Science Global Partnership** (the Partnership) was founded at the 1st UN Science Policy Business Forum to coordinate and amplify the work of the global citizen science community. In support of the UN 2030 Agenda, the Citizen Science Global Partnership will:

- **Ensure global reach and representation** - the Partnership has supported new associations forming in Africa, Ibero-America and New Zealand; and an office will be opened in Geneva to complement the presence in Washington D.C.
- **Support global networks of CITIZEN SCIENCE projects** - the Partnership supports the Global Mosquito Alert Consortium for vector-mosquito monitoring; and an emerging research coordination network for local pollution impacts on human health.
- **Support the UN in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** - a Working Group within the Partnership is linking CITIZEN SCIENCE initiatives to the SDG framework in areas such as Air and Water Pollution, addressing gaps where there is insufficient indicator data.

The Citizen Science Global Partnership is working with international agencies such as UN Environment and UNESCO to create a Roadmap to support CITIZEN SCIENCE across all UN activities, and is seeking additional global partners in Science, Policy and Business.

This declaration has been put together by representatives from:

- The Citizen Science Association (CSA) in North America;
- The European Citizen Science Association (ECSA);
- The Australian Citizen Science Association (ACSA);
- CitizenScience.Asia in Hong Kong, China;
- The Participatory Monitoring and Management Partnership (PMMP); and,
- CitSci Africa in Nairobi (currently forming);
- Iberoamerican Participatory Science Network (Red Iberoamericana de Ciencia Participativa - RICAP, currently forming); and
- The Citizen Science Global Partnership in Washington and Geneva.

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