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INGSA2024:  
The Transformation  
Imperative

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# Media Kit



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# ABOUT INGSA

The International Network for Governmental Science Advice (INGSA) is a collaborative platform for policy exchange, capacity building, and research across diverse global science advisory organisations and national systems.

INGSA works to increase the capability, resilience, and positive outcomes of these systems and the people that comprise them. Through a global network of regional and thematic working groups, workshops, conferences, and a growing catalogue of tools and guidance, the network aims to enhance the global knowledge-to-policy interface and improve the potential for evidence-informed policy formation at all levels of governance.



# CO-HOSTS



**Rémi Quirion**

Professor Rémi Quirion, Quebec's Chief Scientist since July 2011, chairs the boards of directors of the three Fonds de recherche du Québec, advising on research and scientific development.

He serves as president of the International Network for Governmental Science Advice (INGSA) since September 2021. Previously, he held positions including vice dean for science at McGill University's Faculty of Medicine and scientific director of the Douglas Mental Health University Institute Research Centre. His pioneering research focuses on Alzheimer's, depression, and pain, with over 750 publications.

Quirion earned his PhD in pharmacology from Université de Sherbrooke and has received numerous awards, including the Order of Canada and the Ordre National du Québec. He is a member of the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.



**Oladoyin Odubanjo**

Dr. M. Oladoyin Odubanjo, Chairman of the African chapter of INGSA since 2016, serves as Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Academy of Science, fostering its transition to a more service-oriented institution. With a tenure since 2007, he has elevated the Academy's influence as a trusted governmental advisor through strategic initiatives.

A public health physician, Odubanjo possesses diverse management experience across public and private sectors. He contributes strategically to organizations like INGSA, The Conversation Africa, and The Leprosy Mission Nigeria, among others.

Notably, he provided critical science advice during the Ebola outbreak in West Africa and the COVID-19 pandemic, showcasing his commitment to public welfare.



# ABOUT INGSA2024

## THE TRANSFORMATION IMPERATIVE



2024 holds significant importance because it reflects a recognition of the evolving and pressing challenges facing the world in the 21st century. This theme highlights the need for a fundamental shift in the way science advice is conceptualised and applied. Here's why this theme is significant:

**Addressing Global Challenges:** The theme acknowledges the urgent need to address major global challenges, particularly climate change and inequalities. These challenges are of unprecedented scale and require transformative approaches rather than traditional technical solutions. The theme recognizes the imperative of taking bold actions to mitigate the most severe impacts of these challenges, emphasising that business-as-usual approaches are insufficient.

**Expanding the Role of Science Advice:** "The Transformative Imperative" signals a broadening of the scope of science advice. It emphasises that science advising should no longer be limited to technical diagnoses and isolated policy solutions but should encompass comprehensive, interconnected, and multi-dimensional approaches to address complex socio-ecological and socio-technical systems.

**Incorporating Diverse Perspectives:** The theme underscores the significance of expanding the evidence base for decision-making. It recognizes that to tackle complex, transboundary issues, science advice must draw from a wide range of sources, including diverse cultures, languages, demographics, and geopolitical alliances. This inclusivity is critical for understanding the full spectrum of challenges and for developing effective, context-specific solutions.

**Rebuilding Trust:** The theme also acknowledges the erosion of trust in institutions and the importance of involving diverse audiences in decision-making processes. Inclusion of various stakeholders in the policy and decision-making processes is seen as a means to rebuild and maintain trust in institutions. This renewed trust can contribute to social cohesion and shared values, which are essential for effective policy implementation and societal well-being.

# OUR THEMATIC PILLARS

**THE 2024 GLOBAL CONFERENCE THEME IS BUILT ON THREE KEY CONCEPTS:**

## TRANSFORMATION

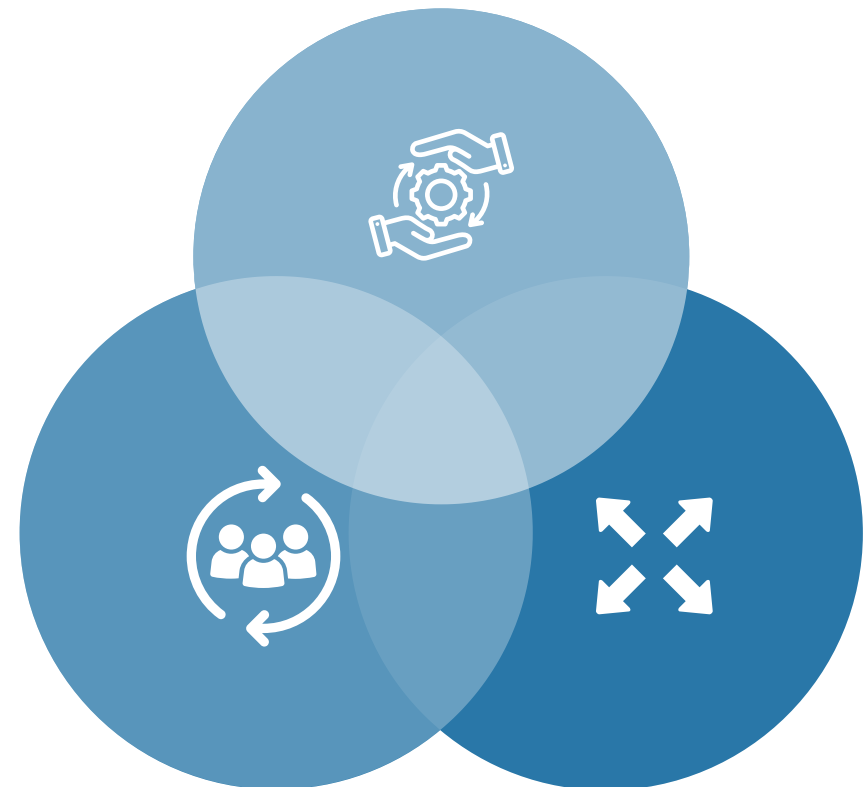
The imperative to confront climate change and inequalities demands a shift in science advising towards holistic transformative approaches, challenging traditional technical solutions and broadening the principles and practices of science advice.

## EXPANDED EVIDENCE

Science advising must evolve to support decision-makers in navigating interconnected, multi-level socio-ecological and socio-technical challenges by integrating diverse evidence and perspectives across cultures, demographics, and geopolitical landscapes.

## INCLUSION

Amidst a crisis of trust in governance and knowledge institutions, inclusive participation of diverse audiences in decision-making processes is essential for rebuilding and maintaining trust, fostering social cohesion, and promoting shared values and civic reasoning to sustain institutional trust.



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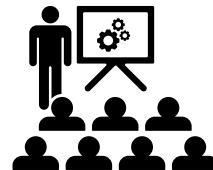
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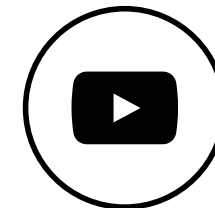
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# FAQ

## What is INGSA?

The International Network for Governmental Science Advice (INGSA) is a collaborative platform for policy exchange, capacity building, and research across diverse global science advisory organisations and national systems. INGSA is a New Zealand-based International Organisation hosted at the University of Auckland by Kōi Tū: Centre for Informed Futures.

## What is the format of INGSA2024?

INGSA2024 has an in-person format, with a primary focus on facilitating in-person interactions among participants. Unlike some events that adopt a hybrid format (combining in-person and virtual elements), INGSA2024 does not have any planned hybrid sessions.

However, there is a provision for some panel speakers to participate in their sessions remotely. This means that while the conference primarily promotes in-person attendance, there may be limited opportunities for remote participation for certain speakers who are unable to be physically present.

## Who Will Attend

INGSA2024 will bring together a diverse range of attendees, including 300 delegates from various sectors. The attendees will come from academia, policymaking, diplomacy, and the private sector.

The conference aims to comprehensively examine the role and function of science-policy-society mechanisms at all levels of government. The attendees can expect sessions and discussions related to science advice, science diplomacy, and the role of inclusion and diversity.

It's important to note that the conference is open to all members of INGSA. This inclusivity means that those who are part of the INGSA network, which includes individuals involved in science advice and related fields, are invited to attend the conference. As with previous conferences, there are no costs for registration but attendees, speakers, and media need to cover their own travel and accommodation.