

# Science Advisory Committee (SAC) and Science Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC)



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## SAC Current Composition

Reynaldo Victoria (Chair, Brazil)  
Elena Abraham (Argentina)  
Edwin Castellanos (Guatemala)  
Tereza Cavazos (Mexico)  
Mariana Meerhoff Scaffo (Uruguay)  
Joshua Tewksbury (USA)  
Ines Camilloni (Argentina)  
Alexander Turra (Brazil)  
Jean Paul Metzger (Brazil)  
Mercy Borbor (Ecuador)  
Michelle Scobie (Trinidad & Tobago, alternate)

## SPAC Current Composition

Brigitte Baptiste (Chair, Colombia)  
Walter Baethgen (Uruguay)  
Javier Gracia-Garza (Canada)  
Evelia Rivera-Arriaga (Mexico)  
Karen de Oliveira Silverwood Cope (Brazil)  
Vaughan Turekian (USA)  
David Smith (Jamaica)

***Parties to elect two new SAC members***

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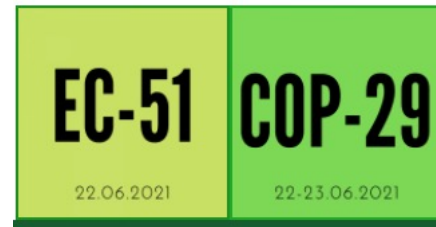
## Recommendations from the SAC regarding new members:

- Scientists should be well known and recognized internationally for their scientific work on global change in the Americas
- Consider geographic, gender and ethnic balance
- Underrepresented regions include Central America and the Caribbean and the tropical Andes
- Nominees from groups that have been historically under-represented in the sciences are welcomed.

## Consider the following areas of expertise:

- Social sciences, including urbanism, economy, and education
- Indigenous and traditional knowledge
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Planetary health, one health, social-ecological systems approach to health
- Expertise in informatics, big data, artificial intelligence and large-scale networks

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**Intercessional period: 9 joint meetings (monthly)**

## **Contributed to:**

- Strategic guidance (partners, funding, etc.)
- Revision of the science agenda
- Gender policy
- Strategic plan indicators
- Regional assessment concept note
- CRN3 Special Issue published in *Environmental Development*
- SciTalk webinars on COVID-global change issues
- STeP training activities
- Recommendations for SAC election

## **Subcommittees:**

- Indicators for the IAI's Strategic Plan
- COVID working group
- Regional Assessment
- Climate, Environment and Health Steering Committee