

**CRN3 special issue in peer reviewed journal**  
(to be then matched with science-policy briefs)

**Type of papers**

Not pure science papers, but solution-focused position papers. A position paper enables discussion on emerging topics with a policy dimension. It substantiates opinions or positions of researchers on a topic by putting forward scientific evidence. It is a paper geared toward building a cohesive flow of research into recommendations for action or “solutions”.

**Tentative templates for papers**

1. Presentation of a research problem, associated to a real-world issue with a policy dimension
2. The position of the author/s in face to this problem (“This kind of practices cause these effects, compromising sustainability of ecosystem beyond resilience in the medium term”)
3. The scientific evidence that supports this position
4. Propositions for action

**Type of journal**

Policy journal or development journal; not science journal

**Journals to be explored**

- Ecology & Society (Carl Folke)
- Environmental Science & Policy
- Global Environmental Change
- Regional Environmental Change (Bernhard Glaeser)
- International Journal of Innovation of Sustainable Development (Walter Leal)
- COSUST (Hal Mooney, Sandra Diaz) } Review journals; may not accept "new content"
- WIREs Climate Change (Lisa Dilling)
- Nature Sustainability? (Perhaps for a synthesis-of-program-outcomes collective paper)

**Editing process**

Editorial responsibilities depend on journal. It could be that these are shared between journal editor and external editor, or concentrated in one or the other. Senior IAI researchers as editors is possible. Directorate can coordinate. Crucial role of the SAC and SPAC in selection of extended abstracts, and then in reviewing full papers, either directly or through their scientific contacts.

**Paper selection**

Competitive call to all projects to submit extended abstracts, up to the number of papers that a special issue can take, 8 to 12? depending on the journal.

**Timeline**

1 to 1 and a half year, coinciding with CRN3 termination

**Road map**

Projects prepare one or more 1 page abstract following the position paper template. Directorate prepares abstract of synthesis/collective paper with contributions from others (need to hammer out a broad-based "global change" consensus among authors). Directorate + SAC-SPAC make a first revision of abstracts. Exploration of publication venues.