Implementing a New Global Partnership for Post-2015 United Nations Goals

Communiqué by IAP, IAC and IAMP Co-Chairs

We, the Co-Chairs of the IAP-The Global Network of Science Academies, the IAMP-The InterAcademy Medical Panel, and the IAC-The InterAcademy Council, wish to express our appreciation of the May 2013 report to the United Nations entitled A New Global Partnership: Eradicate Poverty and Transform Economies through Sustainable Development, produced by an independent High-Level Panel of 27 eminent persons appointed by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. This report underlines the important role of scientists and academics in meeting the urgent goals presented by the High-Level Panel. We support the transformational changes identified as critically important to achieving sustainable development.

In February 2013, the world’s scientific academies sponsored a conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, entitled "Grand Challenges and Integrated Innovations: Science for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development." A “Letter from Rio” – the outcome document of that conference – identified the important role of the international scientific community in contributing to the post-2015 process.

The IAP, IAC, and IAMP, working in partnership stand ready to contribute to the upcoming processes towards the Special Session of the UN General Assembly on the Post-2015 Agenda in September 2013 and the ensuing processes towards 2015 and 2030. Their unique positions draw from global, regional and national levels of operations; high-level expertise provided by Member Academies of sciences and medicine and Regional Networks; and the world’s best scientists working together to foster independent science and medical advice.

In particular, they would like to respond to the calls in the above-mentioned High-Level Panel report by:

- Fostering and implementing a new ”Evidence Base” for Sustainable Development through the establishment of a “Global Partnership on Development Data” providing and communicating independent science advice – free from political and economic biases.

- Ensuring that the Global Sustainable Development Outlook takes into account most recent developments in science, medicine, technology and innovation and is developed through appropriate peer-review processes.

- Achieving Goal/Targets 4a and c “ending preventable infant and under five deaths and decreasing maternal mortality” and 4e “reducing the burden of disease from HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, neglected tropical diseases and priority non-communicable diseases.

- Achieving Goal/Target 12f “Promote collaboration on and access to science, technology, innovation and development data”.

In conclusion, IAP, IAC and IAMP call for and will contribute to increased synergies and multi-disciplinary coordination within the international scientific and medical communities towards delivering the ambitious and universal agenda highlighted in the report *A New Global Partnership: Eradicate Poverty and Transform Economies through Sustainable Development*. 

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