



# IYBSSD 2022

International Year  
of Basic Sciences  
for Sustainable Development



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## ABOUT IYBSSD

We are surrounded by basic sciences in the world we live in and beyond. The United Nations General Assembly approved by consensus a resolution that promulgates 2022 as the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development.

The IYBSSD 2022 will be a key moment of mobilisation to convince economic and political leaders, as well as every citizen, of our dependence on basic science to ensure a balanced, sustainable, and inclusive development of the planet.

The official inauguration of IYBSSD 2022 will take place on **8 July 2022** with an opening conference at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) headquarters in Paris, France. The year will conclude in June 2023.

## SOUTHERN AFRICA NODE COORDINATOR

The Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) engaged the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) to represent the southern African region by serving as the node coordinator for IYBSSD 2022 activities in the region.

## SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

Organisations are invited to submit proposals to host basic sciences events/activities (e.g. science café, competition, presentation, workshop, interview, conference, etc) for endorsement by the IYBSSD 2022. All activities or events from **January 2022 until 30 June 2023** qualify for possible endorsement.

Submit at <https://www.iybssd2022.org/en/your-proposal-for-the-program-southern-africa>

## REQUIREMENTS

Events/activities should be aligned with the following:

### Main topics

- Enhance inclusive participation in science
- Strengthen education and scientific training
- Support the financing of basic sciences
- Generalise open science

### Main themes

- Strengthen the presence and the visibility of women
- Position basic sciences as sources of international dialogue and peace
- Create awareness of science as a global public good
- Advance innovation and economic development
- Advance education and human development
- Help address meeting global challenges

### General

- Align with basic sciences & drive curiosity
- Align with at least 2 SDGs
- Demonstrate inclusivity
- Be open access
- Demonstrate interdisciplinarity (human & social sciences)
- Stimulate debate (science communication)
- Presented between 1 January 2022 and 30 June 2023 to qualify for endorsement

Please visit the websites mentioned above, or email us for more information. Thank you for participating in IYBSSD 2022!



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