

Resolutions and Election outcomes of the International Social Science Council (ISSC) 27th General Assembly (GA), held at Cape Town, November 2008

Resolution 1

The 27th GA of the ISSC, meeting in Cape Town, expresses its deep gratitude to the Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa (HSRC), and to HSRC President and CEO, Olive Shisana, for hosting the ISSC's 2008 GA.

This GA affirms the Joint ISSC-HSRC-CIPHS Symposium on the Social and Human Sciences in Africa, being held concurrently in Cape Town, and co-sponsored by CODESRIA and a broad partnership of African supporters, as an important milestone in its standing commitment to the development of Social Sciences in the African region, and looks forward to further close and fruitful collaboration with African partners-in-science toward this important goal.

This GA further affirms its commitment to the future development of similar collaborations in other regions of the global "south".

Resolution 2

The 27th GA of the ISSC, meeting in Cape Town, re-affirms its commitment to the 5-Year Action Plan which flowed from the ISSC's 26th GA in Alexandria, and confirms the "One Planet, Worlds Apart" thematic focus adopted by the ISSC Executive Committee of April 2008, for the ISSC's first WSSF to be held in Bergen, in May 2009.

This GA affirms that the "One Planet, Worlds Apart" theme succinctly captures ISSC's overall in-principle and practical commitment to

1. Working collaboratively across lines of division between disciplines and sciences, to the benefit of our common humanity and shared physical environment;
2. Promoting science activities, as in its current programmes, that address social problems flowing from global divides;
3. Promoting capacity development in social science in transitional and developing regions of the world, through new programme proposals, as is currently the mandate of the ISSC's CoDATE;

and therefore welcomes and formally adopts this thematic focus as the Headline framing for ISSC's activities in pursuit of its Action Agenda.

Resolution 3

The 27th GA of the ISSC, meeting in Cape Town,

1. welcomes the Resolution of the International Council of Science Unions (ICSU), adopted at ICSU's Maputo GA, to collaborate closely with the ISSC;
2. affirms ISSC's commitment to realize the aims of such collaboration;
3. expresses its intention to develop a similar collaboration, in due course, with the Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies (CIPHS).

The new ISSC Executive Committee

The following ISSC officers were elected by the ISSC's 27th General Assembly

President:

Gudmund Hernes

Vice-Presidents:

Katsuya Kodama
Luk van Langenhove
David Thorns

Ordinary Members:

Glyn Davies
Barbara Goebel
Alberto Martinelli
Adebayo Olukoshi
Michel Sabourin
Lourdes Sola

Secretary General:

Heide Hackmann