

**IUGG Liaison's Report on ICSU ROAP Regional Consultation on Science Plans
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The ICSU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP) consultation on science plans was attended by various participants including regional committee members, invited speakers, ICSU staff, the science plan group members, scientists from developing countries, and liaisons from several scientific unions. The priority areas of the work of ROAP in the medium-term (3 to 6 years) are as follows: (i) Natural and human induced environmental hazards and disasters; (ii) Ecosystem approach to water and food systems; and (iii) Sustainable energy.

A comprehensive draft of science plans related to hazards and disasters in Asia and the Pacific especially related to earthquakes, floods and landslides has been prepared. A final document of science plans will be sent to IUGG and other unions. An intriguing question raised during a plenary session was how to turn research into actions. It is an opportunity for IUGG to help the ICSU ROAP achieve their goals. In this case, IUGG actually has been very supportive as Prof. H. Gupta, IUGG Vice President, has been involved in the activity of ROAP. Associations under IUGG such as IASPEI and IAMAS can perhaps participate in the ICSU programs more effectively.

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