



IGAC Endorsement of Activities Guidelines

Background

IGAC's mission is to facilitate atmospheric chemistry research toward a sustainable world. This is achieved through three focal areas: fostering community, building capacity, and providing leadership.

- *Fostering Community*
IGAC is an international community of atmospheric scientists actively collaborating across geographical boundaries and disciplines in order to contribute to addressing the most pressing global change and sustainability issues through scientific research.
- *Building Capacity*
IGAC is building scientific capacity through its national and regional working groups, its early career scientists program, its biennial conferences and facilitation of numerous thematic workshops.
- *Providing Leadership*
IGAC provides intellectual leadership by identifying and fostering activities on current and future areas within atmospheric chemistry that would benefit from research across geographical boundaries and/or disciplines.

IGAC's Vision

IGAC's intellectual leadership is guided by its vision to link emissions, atmospheric processes and atmospheric composition to global change and sustainability issues such as: human health, climate, ecosystems, and how individual and societal responses feedback onto the core research-led foci of IGAC (Fig. 1). In addition, IGAC seeks to enhance connections between strong laboratory, field, and modeling studies to address areas within atmospheric chemistry that benefit from international and interdisciplinary collaborations.

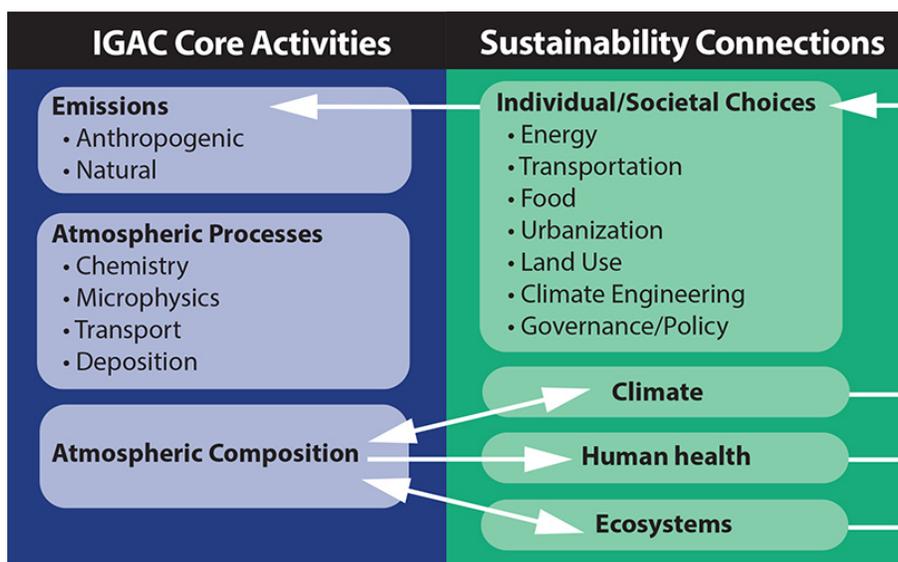


Figure 1. IGAC Vision Diagram

IGAC Endorsement of an Activity

IGAC welcomes proposals for endorsement of developing, new or existing activities that will help IGAC achieve its mission and implement its vision. IGAC endorsement of an activity should follow the below guidelines.

The activity should:

- Address an area of atmospheric chemistry research that requires coordination across geographical boundaries and/or disciplines, initiates new inquiry and/or fills a scientific need within the community, and addresses one or more of IGAC's focal areas.
- Be inclusive and encourage participation from a wide community.
- Define specific goals to be achieved.
- Promote an open data policy.
- Establish funding as needed to fulfill the goals of the activity.

IGAC Endorsement Guidelines:

- IGAC encourages a capacity building component for both early career scientists and scientists from emerging countries.
- IGAC encourages communication with the IGAC Executive Officer and SSC regarding the endorsed activity.
- IGAC suggests any public documents, journal articles, special issues, books, websites, etc. should note that IGAC endorses the activity and the IGAC logo should be used appropriately to indicate endorsement of the activity.
- IGAC requests occasional contributions to IGACnews in order to keep the international atmospheric chemistry community informed about the activity.
- If requested to do so, IGAC will:
 - Provide programmatic suggestions (leadership, membership, etc.).
 - Link the activity to and help seek out collaborations with other international organizations (WMO, SPARC, HTAP, SOLAS, iLEAPS, etc.)
 - Provide guidance for events (meetings, workshops, conference, etc.) related to the activity.
 - Supply letters of support for the activity.
- IGAC's endorsement will not include any direct funding from IGAC for the activity.

Process for Seeking IGAC Endorsement of an Activity

1. A 2-4 page proposal for the activity should be submitted to the IGAC Executive Officer and include the following information:
 - Title of the proposed activity;
 - Identification and contact information of the leadership; and
 - Description of the activity using IGAC Endorsement of Activities as a guideline.
2. The IGAC SSC will review the proposal for the endorsement (this often occurs at the annual IGAC SSC meeting).
3. If the activity is endorsed, the IGAC SSC holds the right to review the endorsement of the activity on a yearly basis.