



International Organization
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Press Statement

IOCD elects three Vice-Presidents

The International Organization for Chemical Sciences in Development (IOCD) is delighted to announce the election of three people to serve as Vice-Presidents for 5-year terms from 1 January 2023:

Régis Réau (France) as Vice-President for Industry

Régis is a former Director of the CNRS-Zhengzhou University International Laboratory (China) and of the Chemistry Institute of CNRS, France. He is currently R&D Scientific Director and Senior Fellow at Air Liquide, France and a Member of the National Academy of Technologies of France. Among his initiatives, since 2016 he has developed the *Air Liquide Scientific Challenge*, in which academic teams are invited to propose disruptive scientific approaches for solving challenges related to sustainability defined by the industry. He has served as an Expert for the Fondation Solar Impulse (“1000 profitable solutions for the environment”) and as a Professor at University of Rennes 1, as well as being a former Member of the Council Board of CNRS.



Catherine Ngila (Kenya) as Vice-President for Emerging Economies

Catherine has served as Professor of Analytical/ Environmental Chemistry, University of Johannesburg, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Riara University, Nairobi, and Deputy Director of the Morendat Institute of Oil and Gas, Kenya. She was Acting Executive Director of the African Academy of Sciences (2020-2022) and is Interim Executive Director of the African Foundation for Women and Youth in Education, Sciences, Technology and Innovation. She was the 2021 Laureate for Africa and the Arab States of the UNESCO-L'Oréal Award for Women in Science for her ground-breaking contribution to water quality and water resource management in Africa, co-chaired the 2021 Commonwealth Science Conference and is a Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences and the World Academy of Sciences.



Stephen Matlin (UK) as Vice-President for External Relations

Stephen has worked as Professor of Biological Chemistry in City University, London and University of Warwick, UK, as Director of the Education and Health Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, and Executive Director of the Global Forum for Health Research, Geneva. His current roles include serving as a co-chair of the IUPAC project Systems Thinking in Chemistry for Sustainability: Toward 2030 and Beyond (STCS 2030+). Since the establishment of IOCD in the 1980s, he has served in diverse roles including, in the last dozen years, as IOCD's Secretary and Head of Strategic Development. He was a co-founder in 2014 and serves as Chair for the IOCD action group, *Chemists for Sustainability*.



Welcoming the three new Vice-Presidents, IOCD's President Professor Vivian Wing-Wah YAM said she was looking forward to working with them closely in the new Presidency Team, to help strengthen IOCD's connections and impact. IOCD's Executive Director, Federico Rosei, said he was delighted that these new Members of the General Assembly would be reinforcing its capacities to take forward the strategy of the organization – promoting the chemical sciences for development and especially for global sustainability.

Further information about IOCD can be found at www.iocd.org.

Stephen A. Matlin
Secretary, IOCD
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