

Food and nutrition security and agriculture

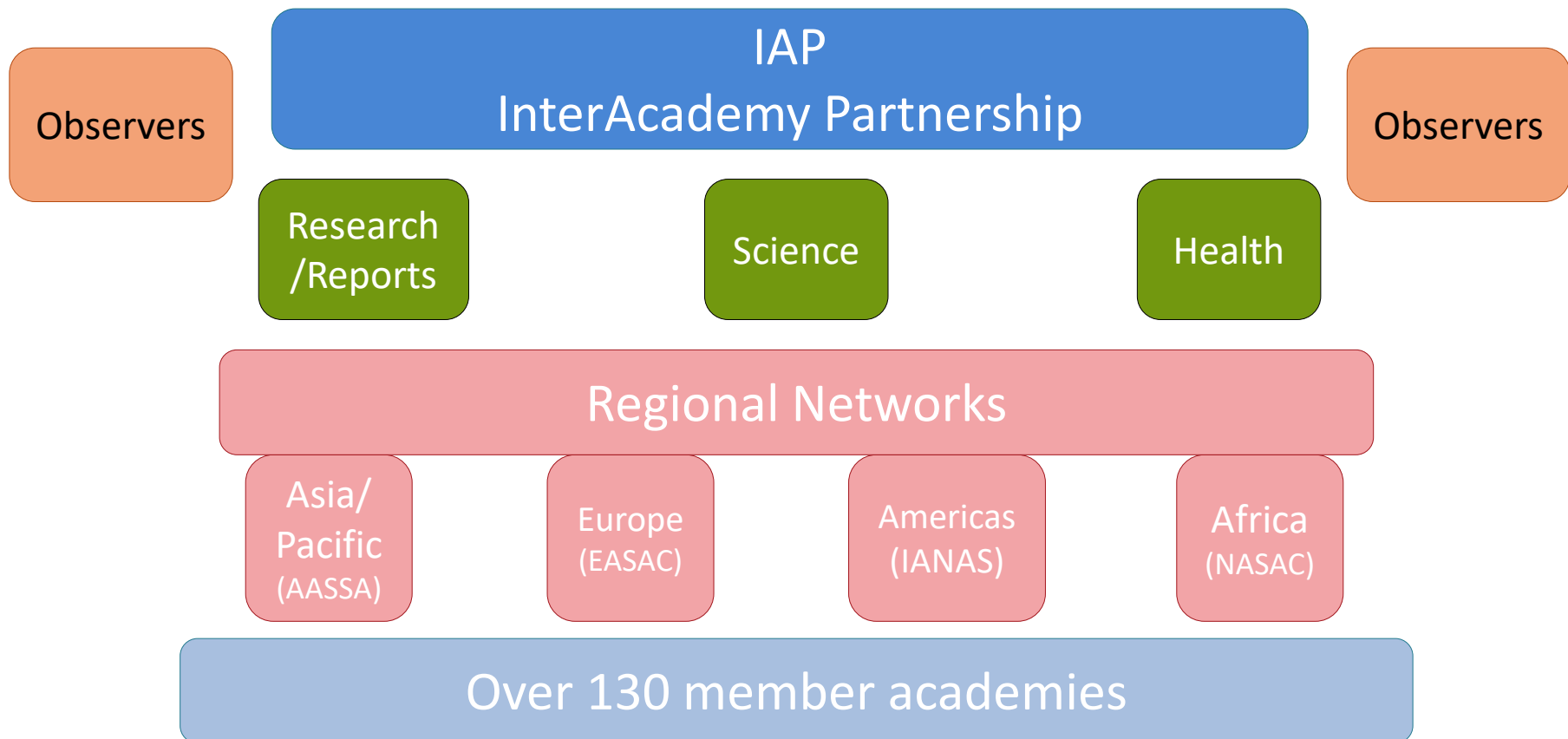
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Introduction to IAP, the FNSA project and EASAC

IAP - The Global Network of Science Academies

New Structure



Strategic objectives for IAP

- To provide evidence-based policy-relevant science, health, engineering and technology advice and perspectives on global issues
- To strengthen the global scientific enterprise
- To champion science education and work towards a scientifically literate global citizenry
- To develop and strengthen the global network of science academies

IAP and FNSA project

- 4 parallel regional expert Working Groups, Africa, Asia, Americas and Europe, to share evidence and learning, to tackle societal priorities and build academy capacity
- Agreed common template of themes taking food systems approach and enhancing diet-nutrition-health interfaces
- Focus on scientific opportunities for FNSA:
 - Using present knowledge to promote innovation and equity, and inform policy and practice
 - Identify knowledge gaps to fill with new research
 - Mobilising scientific resource

Introduction to EASAC

- EASAC, the European Academies Science Advisory Council, is formed by national science academies of EU Member States to give advice to EU policy-makers
- Founded in 2001, EASAC provides a means for collective voice of European science to be heard
- EASAC secretariat is in Halle with networking office in Brussels
- EASAC is regional academy network for Europe for IAP
- EASAC Programmes in Biosciences, Energy and Environment; projects are conducted by Working Groups of experts nominated by member academies
- EASAC FNSA report published December 2017

Purpose and programme for the event today

- To present main conclusions from the EASAC report and seek feedback on key issues and next steps
- Presentation of report by co-chairman of Working Group, Joachim von Braun
- Seeking responses and priorities from European Commission and Bulgarian EU Council Presidency
- Panel presentation of further responses and priorities
- General discussion
- In addition to stimulating further discussion and action in Europe, points from today can help to inform preparation of IAP global report, to be published later in 2018