



# Academies working together at the global level

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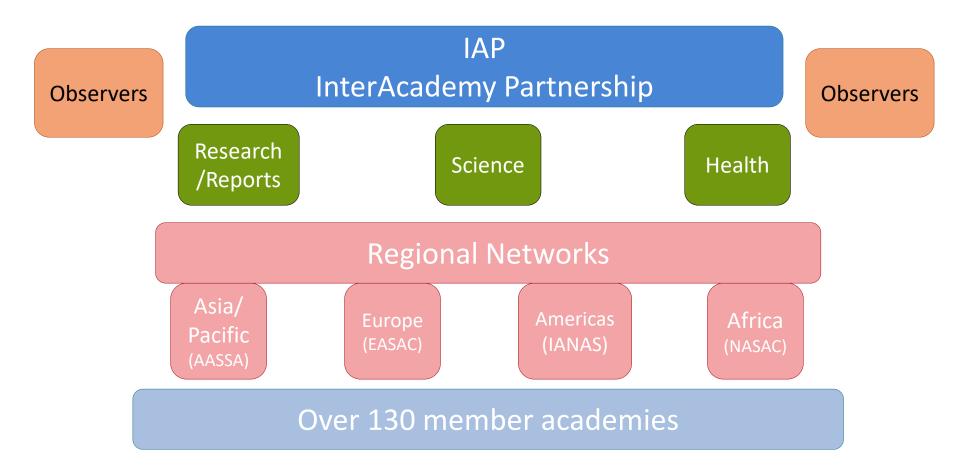


## IAP project on Food and Nutrition Security and Agriculture

- IAP global network of academies
- Designing the project
- Mapping onto SDGs
- Next steps



### IAP - The Global Network of Science Academies New Structure





# EASAC and relationship with other regional academy networks

- European Academies' Science Advisory Council is formed by the national science academies of EU Member States to enable them to collaborate in giving advice to policy makers
- Founded in 2001, independent of commercial or political bias, and is open and transparent in its processes
- Secretariat based at the Leopoldina in Halle with a policy networking office in Brussels; Programmes on Environment, Energy and Biosciences
- EASAC is the regional academy network for Europe for IAP and in this project covers perspectives and issues wider than the EU



### Challenges for food and nutrition security

- Malnutrition (undernutrition, micronutrient deficiencies, overweight/obesity) is problem worldwide, including EU
- Defining the goal to provide access for all to healthy and affordable diet that is environmentally sustainable and culturally acceptable
- Taking an integrative food systems approach covers all steps from production, harvesting, processing, distribution, marketing through to consumption and recycling of waste: inter-related issues for resource efficiency, environmental sustainability, resilience and public health
- Setting priorities for increasing agricultural production by sustainable intensification must take account of pressures on other critical resources, e.g. water, soil, energy, and avoid further loss of biodiversity

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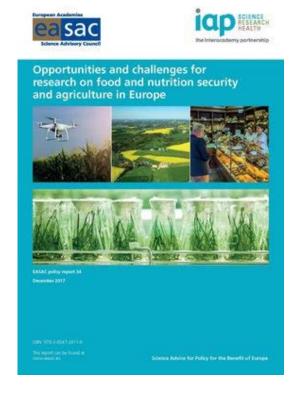
### Designing the IAP project

- Experts from the 4 regions together for kick-off meeting in Halle, 2015
- Agreement on working processes and common starting point with template of 10 priority themes, 2015-2016
- 4 regional academy Working Groups proceed in parallel, 2016-2017
- Project plenary meetings and sharing of draft regional outputs, 2016-2018
- 4 regional reports, engagement with national/regional policy-makers and other stakeholders, media, and follow-up activities, 2017-2018
- Regional reports also provide input for work on fifth, global, report with discussion by global editorial group

Fifth report to be launched November 2018



**EASAC report** https://easac.eu/publications/details/opportunities-and-challenges-for-research-on-food-and-nutrition-security-and-agriculture-in-europe





## Issues for food and nutrition security are vitally important for tackling SDGs

- The Sustainable Development Goals provide a critically important framework for understanding and meeting the challenges but require fresh engagement by science to reduce the complexities of evidence-based policies and programmes
- Science-informed analysis of interactions among SDGs can be strengthened to support coherent and effective sciencepolicy dialogue and decision-making
- The project principal themes map onto multiple SDGs.....

#### **Agricultural** innovation

Nutrition, Competition Food system public health for land efficiency







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#### FNSA & the environment

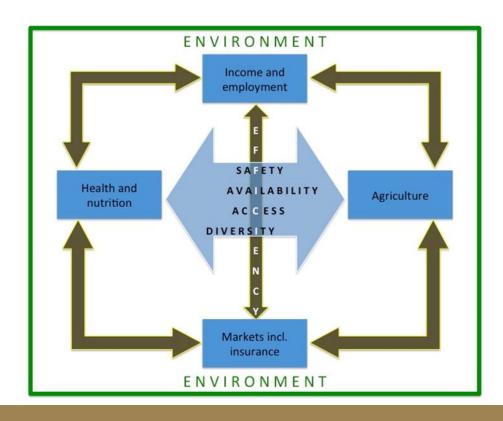








## Conceptual framework for aggregating research within the food systems context





### IAP project: where are we now - 1?

- Inter-regional academy cooperation is continuing
  - Regional contributions to global events and follow-up work at national and regional levels
  - Finalising fifth report and potential project extension work
  - Drafting publications in peer-reviewed journals
- Learning what works and how to do better
  - Evaluation questions to assess performance
  - IAP Global Assembly to involve all member academies



### IAP project: where are we now - 2?

- Project outreach examples of engaging with policy-makers, wider scientific community, stakeholders and all the academy members of IAP
  - S20 Rosario, July for G20 policy makers
  - World Health Summit, Berlin, October
  - IUFoST, Mumbai, October
  - AAAS, Washington DC, February 2019
  - IAP General Assembly, April 2019
  - Aiming for focused discussion with global bodies e.g. WHO, FAO, IFPRI,
     World Bank





# Further information on the IAP FNSA project

Four regional reports, IAP template questions and description of project processes on:

http://www.interacademies.org/37646/ Food-and-Nutrition-Security-and-Agriculture