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## Vietnam joins IIASA

**Vietnam will join IIASA on 1 November 2013, bringing membership in the Institute to 21 National Member Organizations.**



The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) announces that the Socialist Republic of Vietnam will become its newest member country on 1 November 2013. Vietnam's leading scientific and technological agency, the [Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology](#) (VAST), will serve as Vietnam's [National Member Organization](#) (NMO), joining a group of twenty other national science organizations that fund IIASA and help guide the Institute's research priorities.

In a statement about its new membership, VAST announced: "Vietnam is a developing country, which has been facing global issues such as climate change, energy, food, water, poverty and equality. Joining IIASA, Vietnam expects to promote research cooperation between IIASA community and Vietnam to find effective solutions to overcome the negative impacts of the above-mentioned issues. Membership of IIASA by Vietnam will provide young researchers of Vietnam opportunities to access the specialized knowledge, global database and the new research methods in order to improve their research capacity and enhance their international cooperation."

"Vietnam has one of the fastest growing economies in the world and adds a valuable geopolitical perspective to IIASA," said IIASA Director and CEO Prof. Pavel Kabat as he welcomed this further expansion in membership of the Institute. "IIASA membership not only facilitates research collaboration on a global scale between Vietnam and all of IIASA's member countries from Germany to South Africa, it also facilitates regional scientific cooperation with the members that border the Pacific from Australia to China to Indonesia to Malaysia to Japan to the United States."

Austrian Minister of Science and Research Prof. Karlheinz Töchterle highly welcomes IIASA's growth "IIASA's strength lies in its international orientation, because global issues like climate change and other grand challenges need to be dealt with on an international level. IIASA and its members provide us with a common perspective and important research results on this matter."

Vietnamese young scientists will also benefit from access to IIASA's training opportunities, including the [Young Scientists Summer Program](#) (YSSP) and the [Postdoctoral Program](#). As part of the YSSP every summer, over 50 young scientists from more than twenty countries develop their international and interdisciplinary research skills under the supervision of IIASA scientists. The application period for the next YSSP begins on 1 October 2013.

Vietnam's membership continues IIASA's growth in Asia with eight countries on the continent represented. While IIASA was [founded](#) as an institute linking scientists in Eastern and Western Europe and the USA during the Cold War, it has grown into a uniquely international institute with a global perspective.

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#### **About VAST**

VAST is the leading scientific and technological agency in Vietnam with 30 national scientific institutes. It conducts research in the natural sciences and develops technologies to support activities of the State as well as building strategies and policies for socio-economic development, and training high-quality scientific and technological human resources for the country. [www.vast.ac.vn/en](http://www.vast.ac.vn/en)

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