



ACADEMIC COUNCIL
ON THE
UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM



OUR PURPOSE



ACUNS, built on the premise that solutions to improve the human condition are more likely to advance through scholarly assessment, broad-based deliberations, international covenants and multilateral action, is a global professional association that brings together people and institutions active in the work and study of the United Nations. ACUNS promotes dialogue, scholarship, teaching, and mutual understanding among academics, policymakers, UN staff, diplomats, civil society, entrepreneurs, teachers and students.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- 1 The ACUNS Annual Meeting.** Held since 1988 in cities around the world, it attracts prominent scholars and practitioners. Key features include the John W. Holmes Lecture, the Lecture in Honour of Kofi Annan, and awards for best doctoral Dissertation and Book on UN subjects.
- 2 Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organizations,** our peer-reviewed journal showcases essential scholarly research on the United Nations System and multilateral topics.
- 3 The ACUNS-UN Workshop,** held annually in partnership with the United Nations Secretariat's Office of Human Resources, fosters dialogue and exchange of ideas as well as experience between UN staff and academics.
- 4 The Monthly Bulletin,** emailed to our 4,700-strong global network, features ACUNS news, updates on events, publications and opportunities.



AN INVITATION

To Partner with ACUNS

We seek support for:

1 The Annual Meeting

- Host the annual meeting at your University or multilateralism-related institution.
- Partner with us to invite and sponsor interesting speakers who are active in the work and study of the United Nations.
- Sponsor Global South Scholar travel.
- Sponsor a reception, meal, or coffee break during the Annual Meeting.

2 Liaison Offices

ACUNS liaison offices organize lectures and other activities, often in cooperation with local UN bodies, NGOs, and academic institutions. ACUNS seeks liaison office partnerships in key cities around the world, where UN practitioners and scholars are active.

3 ACUNS-UN Workshop

- Invite institutions to host a week-long intensive program.
- Brings together early-career scholars and practitioners to share research and gain insights from each other.
- Encourages new directions and ideas in the analysis of international organizations and the implications of multilateralism.

4 The Global Innovation Governance Network

The Global Governance Innovation Network amplifies the voices of a new generation of scholars, policy researchers, and practitioners from the Global South and North, alongside seasoned veterans and Permanent Representatives to the United Nations. The network's core activities include policy-oriented briefs and reports, an online community of practice, and (in-person and virtual) global and regional policy dialogues.

BECOME A MEMBER



MEMBERSHIP

ACUNS is a membership-based NGO. Individual Members specialize in diverse fields of study and practice. Institutional Members include a wide range of universities, research centres, think tanks, NGOs, and related associations engaged in UN studies and related research.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ACUNS is governed by an international Board of Directors, whose members are elected by the ACUNS membership for four-year terms. The Board consists of the current President, past Presidents, two Vice Presidents and seven Directors.

ACUNS AND THE UN

ACUNS holds Associate Status with UNESCO; General Consultative Status with the UN Department of Global Communications (DGC), the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Observer Status with UN Environment Assembly.

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