



SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

Strengthening capacity in the developing world
Free online news, opinions and guides

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We need your help to nurture science communication in the developing world. Please send your suggestions for opinion pieces, practical guides, events and links to SciDev.Net's science communication gateway editor at marina@southernscience.co.za

SciDev.Net (The Science and Development Network) is a free-access website that keeps individuals, groups and organisations informed about the latest scientific research relevant to the developing world. By doing so it highlights science communication as a key driver of sustainable development in developing regions.

SciDev.Net's science communication gateway is a source of inspiring ideas, relevant content and practical help for scientists, journalists, policymakers, communication professionals and the public. It aims to encourage science dialogues in the developing world and promote effective ways to package, target and deliver evidence-based information to the right people at the right time, and share science with new audiences.

News and features

Science journalists from developing countries report on developments at the interface of science and societies, with an emphasis on how communication can impact science policy, capacity and delivery.

- Profiling key role players in science and technology in the developing world;
- Analysing science and society trends;
- Summarising new research findings;
- Highlighting news and engaging communication tools.

Editorials and opinions

Science journalists and scientists with a track record in public engagement give their views on cutting edge science communication issues.

- Suggesting new ways to tackle emerging communication challenges;
- Focusing on the relationship between science and society, as well as the role and responsibility of scientists to engage with the public and policymakers;
- Considering the role of traditional mass media and new social media in bridging the gap between science and its many stakeholders.

Science communication workshops

SciDev.Net organises regular science communication workshops to train journalists, science communicators and policymakers from developing countries. If you are interested in learning more contact marketing@scidev.net

Online resources

SciDev.Net's **practical guides** aim to strengthen the expertise of science writers, communicators and scientists.

- Providing expert advice for journalists to sharpen their science writing skills and improve their coverage of a range of hot science topics for print, broadcast and online media;
- Helping young scientists with "how to" guides on getting research published, briefing policymakers and making the most of media opportunities;
- Supporting science communicators with step-by-step guides on using science communication tools and tactics such as writing press releases, setting up a science blog, dealing with numbers and statistics, writing about controversies and evaluating science communication projects;
- Addressing specific topics such as reporting climate change accurately, reporting risk responsibly; and science policy and innovation.

Further resources

- **Key documents** – summaries of relevant articles, papers and reports, with links to the source materials;
- **Links** – annotated references to key organisations, networks, research groups, publications and information services;
- **Definitions** – the A-Z of science publishing;
- **Announcements and events** – news of upcoming science communication events, jobs and grants posted by SciDev.Net users;
- **Images and photo galleries** – links to free access photo galleries to help source pictures for science stories.



To access these free resources and more, visit www.scidev.net/en/science-communication

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SciDev Net

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We seek to enable the better integration of scientific knowledge and technological innovation into policies, programmes and projects intended to achieve sustainable development at all levels of society.

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What we offer

A free-access website, written by contributors from developing countries, reports on and analyses the latest developments in science and technology that impact on the developing world.

Topic gateways for keeping track of new scientific and technological developments, informing policy decisions and increasing background knowledge of a subject.

Science communication training workshops delivered in collaboration with local partners. Often topic specific and tailored for scientists, policymakers or science journalists and communicators.

Topic gateways

- Agriculture & Environment
- Climate Change & Energy
- Health
- New Technologies
- Science Communication
- Science & Innovation Policy

Regional gateways

- China
- Latin America & Caribbean
- Middle East & North Africa
- South Asia
- South-East Asia
- Sub-Saharan Africa

Use SciDev.Net to

- Keep up-to-date with science and technology news, opinions and analysis
- Get in-depth information through topic and regional gateways to boost your professional knowledge
- Access selected articles from the journals *Nature* and *Science* normally available only to their subscribers
- Receive regular tailored news and content updates in a selection of key languages
- Improve your science communication skills through online practical guides and specialist workshops
- Have your say about science and technology in developing countries through opinion articles, letters to the editor and our comment facility available under each article.
- Learn about and publicise grants, jobs, events and announcements to a worldwide audience
- Build links, partnerships and networks with others sharing your aims

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