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Venue
Pune, Maharashtra

Coordinating Institute
Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune

Introduction :

In an era defined by profound scientific and technological transformation, the domains of diplomacy and research are no longer parallel tracks—they are increasingly intertwined. The discipline of **science diplomacy,** where innovation, collaboration and international policy converge, is recognised as vital to contemporary global engagement.

The **Ambassadors & Science Consulates Meet** at the **India International Science Festival (IISF 2026)** serves as a premier platform for advancing **science diplomacy and international collaboration.** This meeting brings together Ambassadors, Science Attachés/ Consulates and senior leaders from the scientific and technological sectors in a dedicated forum for strategic dialogue. With the objective of forging meaningful and sustainable linkages between diplomatic missions and science&technology institutions, the forum aims to harness scientific enterprise as both a vehicle and a partner to the diplomatic endeavour.

Aligned with IISF's vision of "Science and Technology for a Vibrant India", this meet fosters dialogue on global challenges, technology exchange, and collaborative research opportunities. The 2026 edition focuses on Science Beyond Borders and deepening engagement with Ocean-RIM nations, promoting shared prosperity through innovation and sustainable development. The primary aim of this gathering is to strengthen the bridge between diplomacy and scientific innovation—exploring how science can amplify diplomatic goals, how diplomatic frameworks can empower scientific collaboration, and how together they can address pressing global challenges while advancing national and international interests.

Objectives :

- Promote international collaboration in science, technology, and innovation through diplomatic and institutional engagement.
- Strengthen science diplomacy as a tool for addressing global challenges such as climate change, health, and energy.
- Facilitate joint research programs, technology partnerships, and academic exchanges.
- Reinforce India's leadership in fostering global scientific cooperation, especially among developing and Ocean-RIM countries.
- Identify and explore collaboration opportunities in areas such as research partnerships, innovation ecosystems, technology transfer, capacity-building and policy-science interface.
- Produce actionable outcomes (e.g., working groups, MOUs, joint calls) rather than just discussion.

Event Highlights :

1 **Science Diplomacy & Partnerships** Enhancing global S&T ties through ambassadorial and institutional dialogue.

2 **Ocean-RIM Cooperation** Promoting collaborative research among Ocean-RIM and Indo-Pacific nations.

3 **Sustainability & Global Challenges** Addressing climate change, energy security, and health resilience through science.

4 **Emerging Technologies** Focusing on AI, biotechnology, space science, and clean energy innovation.

5 **Capacity Building & Exchanges** Encouraging researcher mobility, training, and joint academic programs.

6 **Science for Peace & Development** Using science as a means to strengthen global harmony and equitable growth.

7 **Panel discussions** On topics like "Diplomacy&Science Cooperation: Pathways" and "Innovation for Sustainable Futures: Science Missions of the 21st Century"

Proposed Format & Structure :

Duration: One full day (e.g., 10:00 - 17:00)

Structure

10:00-17:00 hrs. Schedules will be finalized soon.

Event Format / Highlights :

- Hybrid option (in-person + virtual) to allow international participation.

- Lectures, panel discussions, workshops, etc.
- Mention interactivity (Q&A, demos, live sessions, etc.)
- Outcome capture: each roundtable produces a short "commitment sheet" of next-steps

Who Can Participate :

- Ambassadors / High Commissioners or designated senior diplomatic representatives from foreign missions.
- Science&Technology Counsellors / Attachés / Consuls from embassies and consulates.
- Senior officials from national ministries of science/technology, foreign affairs, innovation.
- Heads of research institutions, universities, science parks, innovation hubs.
- Private-sector leaders (start-ups, tech companies) with global/diplomatic dimension.
- Representatives of international science cooperation bodies, think-tanks, policy organisations.
- Researchers and science policy practitioners with interest in international science diplomacy.

Registration and Selection process : **Only by Invitation.**

Expected Outcomes :

- **Enhanced international partnerships and strengthened science diplomacy frameworks.**
- Identification of **new collaborative research and innovation areas** among participating nations.
- Signing of **MoUs / Letters of Intent** to formalize ongoing partnerships.
- Creation of a **Global Network of Science Consulates** for sustained cooperation.
- Policy-level recommendations for advancing India's role in global S&T cooperation.
- Increased global visibility of India's scientific and technological strengths under **"Science Beyond Borders."**

Coordinators :

Coordinator contact details for IISF 2026 will be announced soon.

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