

IUPAP Membership and Development

October 2025

Vice President for Membership and Development: Igle Gledhill

Membership Committee

- Appointed by EC in January 2025
- Advance categories of membership
- Liaise with EC and others
- Chair: VP Membership and Development
- Igle Gledhill
 - Sunil Gupta (Pres.Designate), Joe Niemela (C13: Development), Christophe Rossel (WG16: Industry and CAMs), Nithaya Chetty (Previous VP), Secretary General, Gabriella Marra (Secretariat)
 - Silvina Ponce Dawson always welcomed

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MEMBERS

Territorial Members

IUPAP territorial members are representatives of identified physics communities across the world. There are currently 52 territorial members, listed below.

Corporate Associate Members

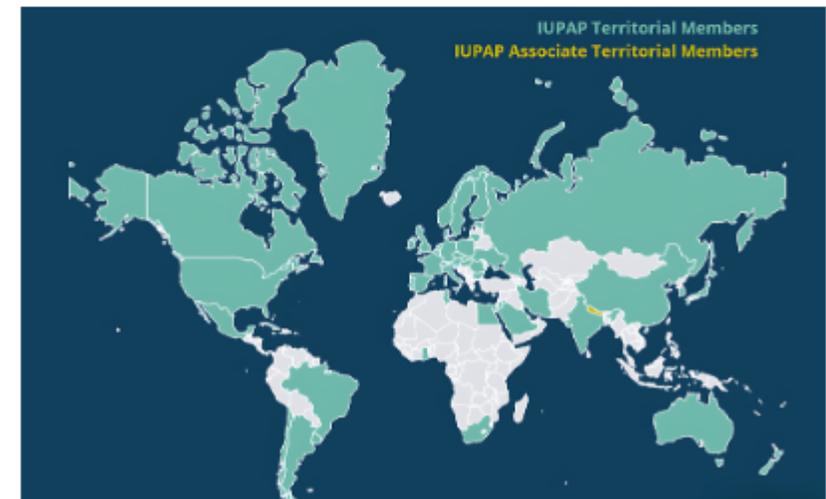
They are commercial companies or international research organizations that have a special relationship with the field of physics or scientific research. Working Group 16, Physics and Industry, maintains a dedicated web site for Corporate Associate Members.

Associate Territorial Members

"Associate Territorial Members" of IUPAP are relatively small national physics communities from developing territories. This category is established to facilitate a first step towards full territorial membership. Associate Territorial Members must commit to grow its physics activities and community. IUPAP will monitor this progress over a three-year period, renewable for however long it takes to bring the territory to a level where it can realistically join IUPAP as a regular Territory Member.

Personal Members

These are Ex-Officio members comprising only the Chairs of IUPAP Commissions or Affiliated Commissions. They have voting rights but are exempted from paying membership dues.



For information on the year of joining the Union and the Number of units and votes held by each member, [click here](#).

Strategy

- Current members: keep them
- New members: approach them
- CAMs: find them
- ATMs: prioritise involvement
- Regional/ATM development: encourage
 - Close collaboration with C13 Development
- Defaulting members: get them back on board

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- New territorial members 
 - 2+1 Potential
- Associate Territorial Members
 - Nepal deployed on C13 (development) and WG21 (climate)



Corporate Associate Members



CERN
(European Organization for Nuclear
Research)



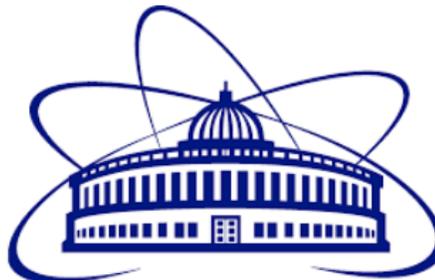
SESAME
(Synchrotron-Light for Experimental
Science and Applications in the Middle
East)



ALLS
(Advanced Laser Light Source)



Park Systems



JINR
(Joint Institute for Nuclear Research)



CAEN
Sensors and
Instrumentation

Corporate Associate Members

- Primary initiative WG16 (physics and industry), chair: Christophe Rossel
- Extremely active 
- Useful website
 - [Rights and Benefits](#)
 - [Careers in Physics](#)
 - [Benefits of Physics to Society and the Economy](#)
 - [Grand Challenges](#)
 - [WG16: Outreach](#)
- <https://iupap.org/who-we-are/members/corporate-associate-members/>

- New:
 - MOU IUPAP – SKAO
 - MOU Innovations Investment Management, India
 - Proposed for membership at this GA
 - [satellite event](#) with 70 participants on 1st October 2024 during BSBF2024-*the Big Science Business Forum 2024* in Trieste (Italy).



An artist's impression of both SKA-telescopes, blending hardware already on the ground (in the centre) with digital renderings (SKA-Mid dishes on the left and SKA-Low antennas on the right).

Representation and sustainability

- Low-income and low-middle income territories
- Members with small numbers of physicists
- Changing views of science
- Liaisons not on board

Balancing Inclusivity and Sustainability

Representation

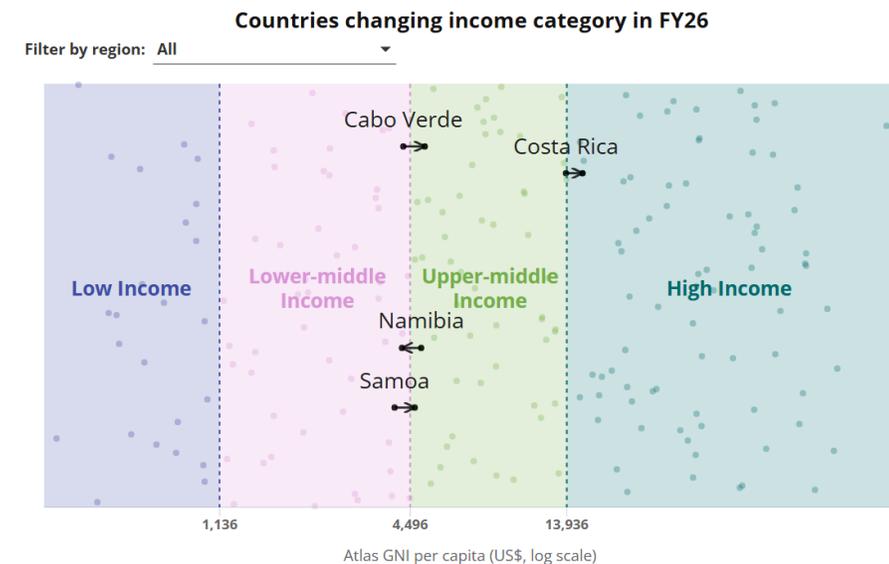
- Territories with small physics communities
- Developing regions
- Physical societies without a willing Liaison
- GDPs go up slowly, or up and down
- Turbulent times

∴ Associate Territorial Membership

∴ Regional Physical Societies

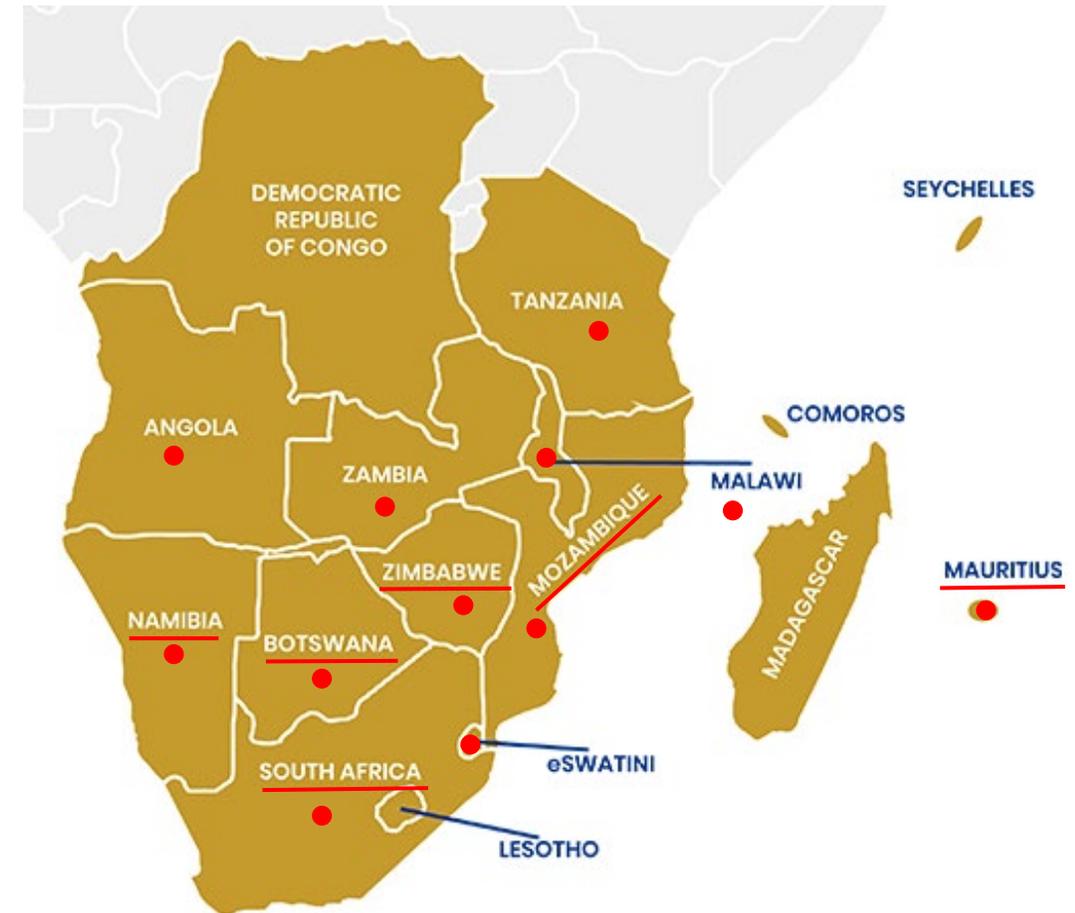
Sustainability

- High dues exclude; low dues are unsustainable
- Project development



Regional development

- Southern Africa “SAPhysNet”
- Task Team
 - Terms of Reference 2024
 - Advice from West African Physical Society
 - Monthly meetings
- Won the Bid for the IUPAP GA and Int Conf on Physics 2027
- 5 working groups up and running:
 - Constitution
 - Shaping Physics in Southern Africa
 - Fundraising
 - IUPAP GA & WG21 Conference 2027
 - Marketing



<https://www.sadc.int/member-states>

● Active representative

Active in bid

Regional development

- Pacific Island Nations
 - “The Blue Continent”
- IUPAP Pasifika Physics Summit
 - Nadi, Fiji, 18-19 November 2025
 - Aims: development needs, global collaboration
 - Partnership with UNESCO entrepreneurship and innovation student bootcamp, 17-21 November 2025
- C13, C14, ICTP, sponsors

