**Request for PAGES endorsement**

PAGES encourages and facilitates international, interdisciplinary collaboration, and hence external projects or programs can apply for formal endorsement from PAGES.

**Key features of endorsement**

* Endorsement should be mutually beneficial: external projects benefit from access to, and support from PAGES’ international research network; PAGES benefits from access and input into research activities initiated outside the network that contribute to the PAGES goals.
* Endorsement is a commitment to accept PAGES as a genuine stakeholder in the external project. It obliges the external project to conform to the general scientific aims, criteria of scientific scope and excellence, principles of openness, and free exchange of data, as expressed in the [Overview](http://www.pages-igbp.org/about/general-overview) and [Science Structure Introduction](http://www.pages-igbp.org/science/intro) on the PAGES website.
* Both PAGES and the external project can terminate the endorsement at any point in time.
* Endorsement will not confer any advantage when applying for meeting support from PAGES.

**Endorsement criteria**

* Scientific excellence
* Contributes to PAGES science
* Openness and free access to data and information
* International and/or interdisciplinary collaboration

**Application process**

1. Discuss your endorsement idea with the PAGES’ [Executive Director](http://www.pages-igbp.org/about/structure/international-project-office) (optional) .
2. Submit the endorsement form below to the PAGES International Project Office (IPO). The PAGES Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) will make the final decision at their next meeting.
3. If the project receives a favorable decision from the SSC, it will be officially endorsed once associated terms and conditions have been accepted.
4. Endorsed projects will be asked to report their activities to PAGES at least once year to enable the PAGES SSC to provide feedback.

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**Endorsement Application Form**

Please complete in the following form and send as an attachment to pages@pages.unibe.ch with “PAGES endorsement proposal” as the subject field.

1. Name of project (including acronym, if appropriate)
2. Background of topic (max. 200 words)
3. Objectives and goals (max. 300 words)
4. Relevance to PAGES, outline how it fits within PAGES’ Science Structure (max. 300 words)
5. Steering Group members and other key participants
6. Timeline of project (including duration of group, outline and timing of workshops and synthesis production)
7. Expected output and products
8. Stakeholder engagement opportunities
9. Co-sponsorship or endorsement by other organizations
10. Contact person (name, affiliation and postal address)
11. Contact person email
12. Project website