



ILSI

International Life Sciences Institute

ILSI Platform for International Partnership

What is PIP?

The ILSI Platform for International Partnership is a new approach to managing ILSI's ongoing relationships with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). ILSI is recognized by both as an official nongovernmental organization.

Why do we need a new approach?

For the past 20 years, ILSI's relationships with FAO and WHO have been managed through the ILSI International Organizations Committee (IOC). In recent years, it was felt some goals could be better met with a new approach. These include:

- Sharing interaction with FAO and WHO more effectively across ILSI.
- Ensuring ILSI is perceived as a truly tripartite organization by FAO and WHO.
- Increasing financial resources for collaborative activities with FAO and WHO.

How will PIP operate?

The key difference between IOC and PIP is that PIP is made up of representatives from the ILSI branches, the Research Foundation, and an advisory group that is composed of an equal number of industry and non-industry participants. Much of the collaborative work with FAO and WHO is carried out by the ILSI branches and Research Foundation. Funding will still come from the ILSI member companies, either through the branches or directly to ILSI.

What are PIP activities for 2012?

There are ongoing programs on chemical safety through work with WHO's chemical safety group, risk assessment work with the Food Safety Programme that involves capacity building in developing countries with WHO and with FAO, and water usage guidance with WHO.

How can I learn more about PIP?

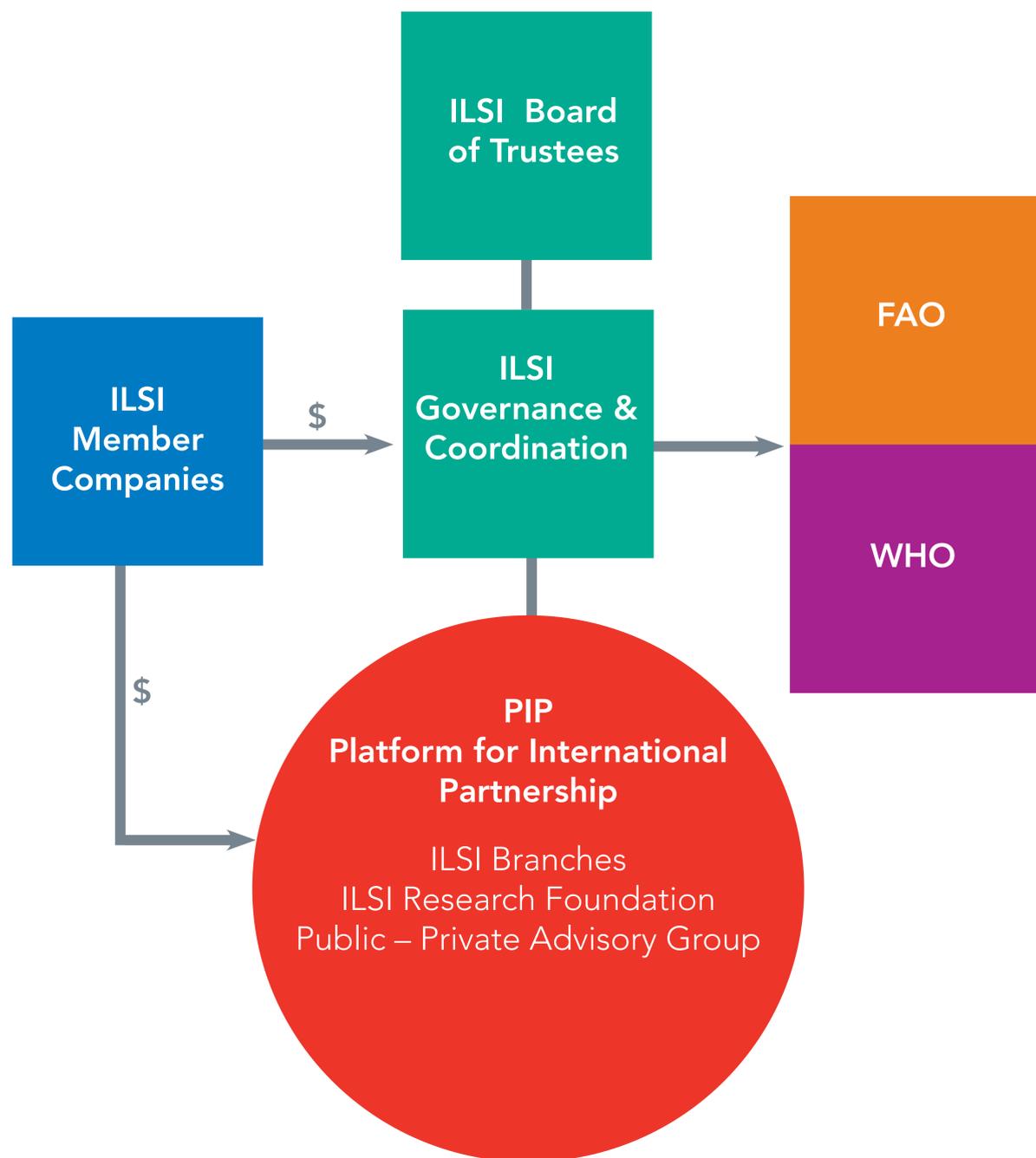
Attend the initial PIP meetings at Annual Meeting:

Monday, 23 January 23 at 2:00 pm in the Eucalyptus Room

Tuesday, January 24, at 5:00 – 6:30 pm in the Acacia/Bougainvillea Rooms.

How can my company support ILSI's collaborative efforts with FAO and WHO?

Contact Suzie Harris (sharris@ilsil.org) to discuss ways your company can contribute either at the branch level or through ILSI directly.



A New Model for ILSI – FAO/WHO Interaction

ILSI Governance and Coordination (ILSI GC) – Through ILSI Executive Director, maintains direct contact with FAO and WHO headquarters; facilitates work plan development; and chairs the PIP.

ILSI Branches and Research Foundation – May be involved in developing work plans and implementing agreed upon projects and maintaining contact with FAO and WHO staff at the regional level.

Public-private advisory group – Will include public sector scientists as well as an equal number of industry scientists. Together, they will provide advice to the PIP on issues to address through the work plans, ways to address them and feedback on the success of the work plan activities.

ILSI member companies will be asked to provide financial support for the work plan activities through ILSI branches as well as directly to ILSI GC.