

The 4th General Assembly Paves the Way for Future Development of ANSO



The GA approved the proposal endorsed by the GB on *Amendments to the ANSO Statutes* and approved 19 new applications for ANSO membership. With this development, ANSO's membership has expanded to 96 members across 59 countries and nine international organizations.

The GA elected the new GB for the next term through secret ballot.

Presidency:

- Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)

Vice Presidency:

- Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SASA)
- National Academy of Sciences and Techniques of Senegal (ANSTS)

Other GB Members:

- Mongolian Academy of Sciences (MAS)
- National Research Centre (NRC), Egypt
- Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS)
- Universidad de Chile
- University of Donja Gorica (UDG), Montenegro
- Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan

In recognition of Prof. Limpijumrong and Prof. Nader's outstanding contributions to achieving ANSO's goals during their tenure as President and Vice President, they were conferred with prestigious ANSO Certificates of Honor by the GA.

From 30-31 October 2025, the 10th Governing Board (GB) Meeting, the 4th General Assembly (GA) and the 11th GB Meeting of ANSO were held in Beijing, China. Over 80 representatives from 52 ANSO member organizations attended the 4th GA on site, spanning 36 countries and 7 international organizations. The GA reviewed the ANSO Progress Report 2024-2025, 19 new membership applications, the proposal on the amendments to ANSO Statutes, elected a new GB for the next term, and endorsed the proposal on membership dues standards and usage.

In the first session, Prof. Sukit Limpijumrong, ANSO President and President of the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) of Thailand, and Prof. Helena B. Nader, Vice President of ANSO and President of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences (ABC), delivered welcome remarks, expressing gratitude for the support and cooperation of all member institutions and reviewing ANSO's unique accomplishments in advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The GA approved the *ANSO Progress Report 2024-2025* presented by Prof. LIU Weidong, Executive Director of ANSO. In this report, Prof. LIU outlined ANSO's progress in implementing the decisions made by the 3rd GA and the meetings of the GB, refining ANSO's vision & mission, optimizing ANSO's portfolio of programs, and expanding ANSO membership & partnership. He also reported on the launch of *ANSO Africa Hub of Science & Innovation (AAHSI)*, the *Alliance of National and International Innovative Enterprises for the Belt and Road Regions (ANIE)* and the *International Research Network on AI Development and Governance* earlier this year.

The second session of the GA endorsed the proposal on membership dues standards and usage, and opened a general discussion session, where representatives from each ANSO member organization introduced their organizations and made invaluable suggestions on the future development of ANSO.

The 10th and 11th ANSO GB meetings were organized consecutively during the 4th GA, reviewing the agenda and materials submitted for the GA.



ANSO General Conference 2025 Held in Beijing

As an integral part of the General Assembly (GA), ANSO hosted the *2025 General Conference on Science and Innovation for a Sustainable Future* from 28 to 29 October, bringing together around 300 leading scientists, academic leaders, students and relevant stakeholders from over 50 countries and regions.

At the Opening Ceremony, Prof. Sukit Limpijumnong, President of the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) of Thailand, Prof. HE Hongping, Vice President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Prof. Helena B. Nader, President of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences (ABC), Prof. BAI Chunli, Founding President of ANSO, Prof. Shahbaz Khan, Director of UNESCO's Regional Office for East Asia, and Mr. MA Chengfang, Deputy District Mayor of Haidian District, People's Government of Beijing Municipality, highlighted the vital role of international cooperation, innovation, and humanistic values in advancing global sustainability.



At the conference, Prof. Nils Christian Stenseth, ANSO Science Ambassador and President of the International Society of Zoological Sciences (ISZS), Prof. GUO Huadong, Director of the International Research Center of Big Data for Sustainable Development Goals (CBAS), and Prof. Gretchen Kalonji, Co-Chair of the ANSO International Network ANSO-DRR and former UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, delivered keynote speeches and shared insights on how interdisciplinary collaboration and big data platforms can be leveraged to provide practical pathways for green transformation of BRI partner countries and across the globe.

The panel discussion on "Open Science & Innovation for Inclusive Development" brought together representatives to share experiences and propose ways to advance collective progress in science, technology, and innovation.

The two-day conference featured three thematic sessions on "Science & Technology for Sustainable Development", "AI Development and Governance", and "Capacity Building in STEM and Higher Education Cooperation" respectively. The sessions featured discussions on topics of broad public interest, including how open science and open innovation can promote inclusive development and serve sustainable development, how AI can enhance public well-being, and how youth can act as bridges toward a shared future. With the support of ANSO, leading scientists from China and around the world jointly launched the International Research Network on AI Development and Governance at the conference.



ANSO Africa Hub of Science & Innovation (AAHSI) Launched in Addis Ababa

On 27 September 2025, Prof. LIU Weidong, Executive Director ANSO, Dr. Bayisa Leta Danno, President of Ambo University (AU), and Prof. WANG Qingfeng, Director of the Sino-Africa Joint Research Center of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (SAJOREC, CAS), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, officially announcing the establishment of the ANSO Africa Hub of Science & Innovation (AAHSI). Dr. Lidia Brito, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, Ms. Zhang Liping, Chief of the Science, Technology and Innovation for Development Section at UNCTAD, and Prof. BAI Chunli, Founding President of ANSO, each sent a congratulatory letter on the establishment of the AAHSI.

Following the signing, the Conference on the Integration of Science, Technology and Industrial Innovation was held in Addis Ababa, which brought together over 150 participants from government, industry, academia, and research institutions.

On 29 September 2025, the Africa Office of the ANSO Secretariat was officially inaugurated at AU in Ethiopia.

The AAHSI has been approved by UNESCO and officially listed as one of the programmes under UNESCO's International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (IDSSD).



Call for Applications: 2026 CAS-ANSO Scholarship

CAS-ANSO Scholarship: Formerly known as the ANSO Scholarship for Young Talents, it was launched in 2019 with the goal of training and cultivating young scientists from all over the world, supporting 100 to 200 Master's students and 300 PhD students every year to study in China. The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) is the major sponsor of this scholarship.

ANSO-CAS-TWAS/UNESCO PhD Scholarship: As a new sub-category of the CAS-ANSO Scholarship, this program gives special consideration will be given to Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and women. Up to 40 PhD students from developing countries will be selected into this category and partially sponsored by TWAS/UNESCO every year.

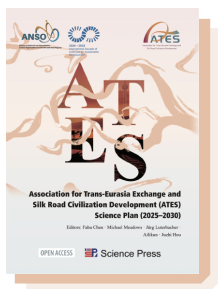
Deadline for Applicants and Referees: 31 January 2026 (Beijing Time).

Application link: <https://www.anso.org.cn/programmes/talent/scholarship/>

"Association for Trans-Eurasia Exchange and Silk Road Civilization Development (ATES) Science Plan (2025-2030)" Available for Open Access



On 9 September 2025, the "ANSO-MTA Silk Road Forum & The 3rd ATES Open Science Conference" officially commenced at the headquarters of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA) in Budapest. This three-day conference was initiated and organized by ANSO, MTA, and the Association for Trans-Eurasia Exchange and Silk Road Civilization Development (ATES) — an international scientific network within the ANSO framework. As a key event celebrating the 200th anniversary of MTA, the conference brought together more than 80 experts and scholars from Hungary, China, France, Germany, Italy, Austria, the United States, Mongolia, and other countries.



During the opening ceremony on 9 September, the **Association for Trans-Eurasia Exchange and Silk Road Civilization Development (ATES) Science Plan (2025-2030)** was officially launched. This Science Plan, co-edited by Fahu Chen, Michael Meadows, Jürg Luterbacher, Ailikun, and HOU Juzhi, is a culmination of two years of dedicated effort which involved the collaborative input of over 50 experts worldwide in its initiation, drafting, and revision. It presents a unique and timely opportunity for advancing and refining our understanding of the dynamic relationship between humans and nature.

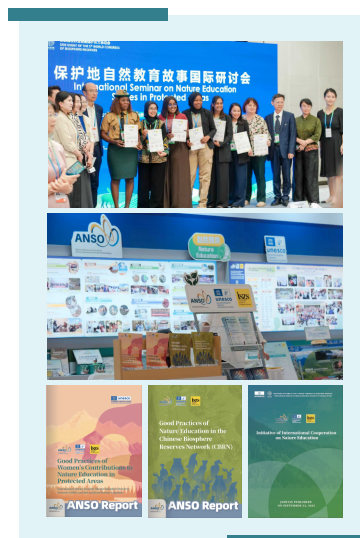
ATES Science Plan (2025-2030) is available online at:
<https://zlib.zkcmkj.com/redirect/bookdetail?t=bookdetail&arg=14c929a69c2e422b8b292e07d414fcb9>

International Seminar on Nature Education Stories in Protected Areas Successfully Held in Hangzhou

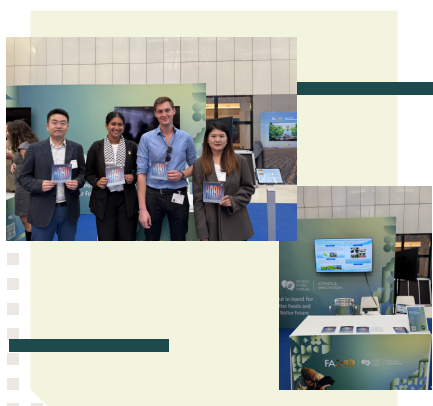
On 23 September 2025, the International Seminar on Nature Education Stories in Protected Areas, a side event of the Fifth World Congress of Biosphere Reserves was held in Hangzhou, China. Themed with “*Sharing Nature Education Stories in Protected Areas*,” the seminar was jointly hosted by ANSO, the China National Committee for UNESCO’s Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB China), and the International Society of Zoological Sciences (ISZS).

The side event officially released two ANSO reports for the first time: one is the **Good Practices of Women’s Contributions to Nature Education in Protected Areas—International Stories from the Chinese Biosphere Reserves Network (CBRN) and Belt and Road Partner Countries**, which presents 74 exemplary practices from 9 countries, showcasing the outstanding contributions of women in nature education. Another one is the **Good Practices of Nature Education in the Chinese Biosphere Reserves Network (CBRN)**, which focuses on highlighting the ecological value, flagship species, and innovative practices in nature education across 11 protected areas in China.

At the conference, The **Initiative of International Cooperation on Nature Education** was jointly released by ANSO, MAB China, and ISZS. It seeks to foster harmony between humans and nature by integrating nature education into protected area strategies and evaluation system, sharing local success practices worldwide, and empowering nature education through science and technology.



ANSO Participates in FAO's 80th Anniversary Exhibition by Invitation



On 16 October 2025, on the 80th anniversary of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), ANSO participated in a celebratory exhibition held at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, under the theme “*Hand in Hand for better food and a better future.*”

During the event, ANSO showcased a series of food security projects which focused on key areas including crop breeding, digital agriculture, soil health, plant protection, food safety, and

plateau agriculture. The exhibition highlighted the active involvement of institutions from Belt and Road countries in ANSO initiatives, demonstrating the strength of regional and international cooperation.

This participation served as a concrete action by ANSO in advancing the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind and implementing the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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