



International Forensic Strategic Alliance (IFSA)

Multilateral Partnership Agreement 2021-2026



Leverhulme Research Centre
for Forensic Science
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Between

The Regional Networks of Forensic Science Providers as follows:

Academia Iberoamericana de Criminalística y Estudios Forense (AICEF)

and

The American Society of Crime Lab Directors (ASCLD)

and

Asian Forensic Sciences Network (AFSN)

and

European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI)

and

National Institute of Forensic Science Australia New Zealand (NIFS ANZ)

and

South Africa Regional Forensic Science Network (SARFS)

and

Strategic Partners as follows:

Leverhulme Research Centre for Forensic Science (LRCFS)

and

INTERPOL

and

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC).

Background

The International Forensic Strategic Alliance (IFSA) is a partnership between regional networks of forensic science providers including:

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These autonomous networks represent forensic science laboratory management for their specific regions. IFSA leverages international collaboration and cooperation on strategic issues to realise quality forensic services worldwide and works with strategic partners to achieve this purpose.

Mission

To provide strategic leadership and create opportunities for collaboration across the global forensic science community.

Vision

Collaboration in forensic science for a safer world.

Goals and Objectives

- Develop strategies and activities that promote and enhance the use of quality forensic science
- Encourage the exchange of forensic science information between the member networks and stakeholders.
- Promote the establishment and strengthening of regional forensic science networks
- Collaborate strategically with other relevant international and regional organisations

Function

In pursuing its goals and objectives, IFSA recognises the sovereignty of each of the participating networks.

There is a realisation that success for IFSA will be gained by realistic expectations of what can be achieved. To this end IFSA, through the heads of each organisation will set annual targets that:

- Are achievable;
- Strengthen the partnership; and
- Conform to the Goals and Objectives.

The Presidents/Chairs of the networks (or their nominated representatives) will meet at least annually and on other occasions as opportunities arise.

The Goals and Objectives and rolling agenda issues will be reviewed annually as well as progress against annual targets.

Each network will make arrangements to ensure that within IFSA there is continuity and maintenance of corporate knowledge.

Status

It is recognised that IFSA has no legal status but represents a cooperative entity comprising the member networks.

Term

This Multilateral Partnership Agreement will commence on the date of the last signature and will be for a period of five years, after which it can be reviewed and renewed for further terms.

Any network or strategic partner may withdraw from this agreement at any time. Withdrawal shall be via a formal letter from the President/Chair of the network or the strategic partner representative to the IFSA Board.
