

Joint Statement

October 1, 2022

For the eleventh year, we, leaders from public research institutions around the world, held a global summit in connection with the STS forum in Kyoto to discuss interactions with the societies we serve. This year, 12 leaders from 8 countries and regions participated in the event.

The theme of our discussion was “Diversity of Funding.” Following an initial presentation, the participants discussed how public research institutions can achieve increased diversity in their funding sources.

They began by recognizing that the situation facing individual institutes is very diverse. Given this diversity, the participants recognized that although it is natural for public research institutes to rely principally on central government funds for the research we carry out, it can be important to supplement this with other financial sources. It can help enhance the stability of research activities and increase their social impact.

The participants discussed a variety of means for diversifying funding and shared experiences, concluding that funding from foundations, collaboration with the private sector, and public participation can be important. We also agreed that international collaboration can help stabilize the funding of public research institutes, expand our knowledge base, and promote brain circulation.