

OISE Strategic Scoping

- Process
 - 2 Retreat Days
 - Discussion of ~17 activities over 8 staff meetings and 2 “blue sky” lunch meetings
- Challenges
 - NSF-wide role
 - Balancing programmatic and non-programmatic responsibilities
 - Activities cover all disciplines, research & education
 - Operate in interagency and international context with many partners and stakeholders



ISE Core Values

- **Strategic** – focus on compelling, high impact, mutually beneficial international activities
- **Knowledgeable** - build and share country expertise, global perspectives
- **Cooperative** – facilitate partnerships; leverage mutual expertise and diverse resources
- **Catalytic/experimental** – pilot new models with plans for hand-off and sustainability
- **Efficient** – keep transaction costs low, integrate efficiencies across NSF
- **Facilitative** – build U.S. community and NSF capacity for global research and education



Criteria for evaluating activities

- Alignment with ISE values
- Constituencies served
- Budget
- Staff resources required
- Leverage - US and international partners involved
- Metrics - data on impact and effectiveness
- **Sunsetting Criteria**
 - Hand off possible
 - Unfavorable cost/benefit
 - Need met
- **Initiating Criteria**
 - High potential for impact
 - Strong leveraging
 - Proactive/visionary/catalytic

