



Approach to Social, Political & Natural Events

SPARC's program priorities manifest our mission to support systems for research and education that are open by default and equitable by design. Our program activities demonstrate our commitment and strategies for effecting systemic change that addresses the ways knowledge systems exclude people due to racism, colonialism, and other legacies of injustice.

Guided by our members, we continuously examine our program activities and their effectiveness towards realizing our mission. When social, political, and natural events surface issues that SPARC can address materially through specific actions, we work to align our program priorities accordingly, in close collaboration with SPARC's Steering Committee.

Consistent with this approach, SPARC responds to social, political, and natural events through tangible mission-oriented activities whereby SPARC can effect meaningful change. We encourage our members and team to propose new program activities that would enable us to maximize our mission.