

28 March, 2025

Honorable Representatives to the IAI,

In May 2025, the terms of three (3) Science Advisory Committee (SAC) members nominated by the Parties will expire: Alexandra Mallett (current SAC Chair and alternate member), Barry Warner (full member), and Jeniffer Silva (full member). The beforementioned members are eligible for another term according to SAC rules of procedure, subject to the submission of renomination by any Party. Both Dr. Mallett and Dr. Warner have demonstrated outstanding commitment and have brought valuable contributions to the SAC. Therefore, the SAC strongly recommends that the Parties support the renewal of their terms, considering Dr. Mallett as full member for her new term.

Given these considerations, Parties would not need to nominate new members to fill SAC vacancies, as the current membership quota would be fulfilled, ensuring an efficient process while maintaining compliance with the rules for nomination of members. However, should any Party wish to propose additional highly qualified candidates, guidance on the nomination process and criteria is provided in the Annex to this letter.

To ensure a smooth nomination process, we kindly request that each nomination or renomination be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae of the nominee. Please submit this information via email to the IAI Directorate, addressed to Ms. Soledad Noya at soledad.noya@dir.iai.int.

We appreciate your timely and thoughtful consideration in nominating candidates who will contribute significantly to the SAC's mission and objectives.

Thank you,



Omar López, Science Director
On behalf of the SAC

Annex

According to Rule 69 of the Rules of the Conference of the Parties, *each Party may propose up to two candidates for each of the vacancies to be filled from nominees by the Parties.*

Parties wishing to propose new highly qualified individuals, are requested to do so at their earliest convenience, but no later than **28 April 2025**.

If proceeds, elections will be held on the second day of the 33rd meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP-33), Asunción, Paraguay and hybrid, 29-30 May 2025.

Considerations for Parties when proposing individuals for the SAC

The SAC membership requires expertise in a broad range of scientific areas relevant to the research topics that the IAI promotes in the continent. The nominated scientist should be well known and recognized internationally for their scientific work in the Americas. Furthermore, the SAC is committed to ensuring a balanced and inclusive representation in terms of geography, gender, and ethnicity when soliciting nominations for vacancies. This commitment aligns with the IAI's policy on Gender, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Currently, there is an underrepresentation of Central America and the Caribbean in the SAC's composition, which the committee aims to address.

The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) emphasizes the importance of maintaining stringent criteria for scientific excellence in the nomination and appointment processes. Candidates for consideration should exemplify the following qualifications:

- Have high academic and research excellence.
- Have an established, extensive research and publication record.
- Have a Doctorate or equivalent experience.
- Be multidisciplinary, open, collegial, and demonstrate a willingness to work in an interdisciplinary environment.
- Have extensive experience directing and managing international scientific projects relevant to the strategic areas of the IAI.
- Understand the social, economic, and ecological realities of the Americas.
- Understand the science policies and priorities of different countries in the continent.
- Specifically, for the Natural Sciences, we are seeking a Scientist specializing in Terrestrial Ecosystems. Within the realm of Social Sciences, the need is for a Scientist with expertise in Economics or Development Studies, to enhance our understanding and address the challenges within these fields.

28 March, 2025

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In May 2025, the terms of two Science Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) members nominated by the Parties, Margot Hurlbert (full member) and Nathalie Flores (alternate member), will expire.

Dr. Hurlbert has demonstrated outstanding commitment and has made valuable contributions to the SPAC, and she is eligible for another term according to SPAC rules of procedure, subject to the submission of renomination by any Party. Therefore, the SPAC strongly recommends that the Parties support the renewal of her term.

Additionally, the terms of two SPAC full members nominated by the SPAC itself, Carol Franco and Amparo Martínez Arroyo (current SPAC Chair), will expire, and they are also eligible for another term according to SPAC rules of procedure. Due to the outstanding commitment and valuable contributions of both Dr. Martínez Arroyo and Dr. Franco to the Committee, the SPAC decided to propose their term renewals.

Given these considerations, Parties would not need to nominate new members to fill SPAC vacancies, as the current membership quota would be fulfilled, ensuring an efficient process while maintaining compliance with the rules for nomination of members. However, should any Party wish to propose additional highly qualified candidates, guidance on the nomination process and criteria is provided in the Annex to this letter.

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Thank you,



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On behalf of the SAC

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According to Rule 78 of the Rules of the Conference of the Parties, each Party may submit up to two candidates for each of the vacancies to be filled by nominations from the Parties.

Parties wishing to propose new highly qualified individuals are requested to do so at their earliest convenience, but no later than **28 April 2025**.

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Considerations for Parties when proposing individuals for the SPAC

It's essential to emphasize that grasping scientific concepts within a policy-making context is crucial. This understanding allows for informed decision-making, helping to bridge the gap between scientific research and practical implementation in policies that can significantly impact society and the environment. Having experts who can navigate both realms ensures that science effectively informs policy and that policies are grounded in scientific evidence. The nominated scientist should be well known and recognized internationally for their scientific work in the Americas. Furthermore, the SPAC is committed to ensuring a balanced and inclusive representation in terms of geography, gender, and ethnicity when soliciting nominations for vacancies. This commitment aligns with the IAI's policy on Gender, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Currently, there is an underrepresentation of Central America and the Caribbean in the SPAC's composition, which the committee aims to address.

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