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To: Honorable Members of the Conference of the Parties (CoP)
Interamerican Institute for Global Change Research
From: Javier Gracia Garza, Chair, IAI Science - Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC)
on behalf of SPAC members
Subject: Parties' Nominations for SPAC membership

In June 2016, one (1) SPAC member nominated by the Parties will have her term expire. Maria Netto has reached the end of her first term and can be renominated and re-elected. Ec. Netto is from Brazil and represents the climate finance sector. We request that Parties nominate highly qualified candidates for the vacancy to be filled at the June 2017 Conference of the Parties in Bogotá, Colombia.

The SPAC membership requires expertise in a number of critical areas relevant to assist with the development of knowledge and social well-being in the Americas through science-policy integration of the knowledge generated by the IAI and beyond. The SPAC also looks for geographic, gender, and ethnic balance in seeking nominations for the open seats on the SPAC.

The present SPAC membership by country of residence is:

- 2 x Argentina
- 1 x Brazil
- 2 x Canada (one of Mexican origin)
- 1 x Colombia
- 1 x Ecuador
- 1 x Uruguay
- 1 x USA (Brazilian origin)

Guidance from the SPAC

The SPAC recommends that nominees and appointments follow the high standards of science excellence and profiles followed over the last two decades by the CoP, and that SPAC members no be seen as representatives of a country but of their experience on science-policy integration.

New appointments should have:

- Strong science policy expertise in science-based decision making or science policy liaison,
- Expertise and ability to effectively communicate scientific information in a policy relevant manner
- Experience leveraging research use
- Experience related to global change (especially climate change)
- International Committee Experience
- Knowledge and cultural awareness of the Americas
- Understand the role of and relationships between policy-maker, resource managers, social scientists, and natural scientists

The SPAC welcomes under-represented groups to be nominated.

Thank you.