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**IAI Strategic Planning**

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The Strategic Planning committee met in May 2008 and developed an agenda and topics for the planning process. There has not been enough time for the committee to produce its report, and the chair will present findings only at the upcoming EC and CoP meetings. The following is a brief overview of some of the main considerations based on notes taken during the planning meeting. The Group considered the Purpose, Scope and Process of the Strategic Plan, outlining questions and items to be addressed.

**The Changing Context of GEC (why a new Strategic Plan is needed & timely?):**

- Scientific excellence has prompted advances in GEC science which also led to new questions
- Science mgt has advanced (networks, data sharing, visualization)
- Many new players: more stakeholders, higher complexity
- Change from environmental science to integration of human dimensions
- Enhanced concern regional to sub-regional issues within GEC
- Moving beyond identifying the problem to solving issues, role of agent based modeling in the search for solutions
- Teleconnections, interlinkages, multiple stressors — new problems

**Purpose of Strategic Plan, Scope & Process (Guidelines)**

**Purpose**

- Provides guidance to direct the IAI institutional (i.e., science and programmatic) agenda over the next 5-10 years (moving away from opportunity driven model)
- Demonstrates/illustrates IAIs capacity & expertise, esp with respect to inter-governmental perspectives of GEC
- Enhanced science-policy relationship in GEC for the Americas and science engagement in policy dialogues

**Scope**

- SPC will work within the spirit of the IAI Mission Statement

The desired outcome for the **Strategic Planning Workshop** planned for November is a synthesis that provides input to the following key questions, grouped into four major themes:

**GEC Science**

- What are the emerging GEC transformational research topics?
- What are the remaining gaps in GEC Science in the IAI region?
- How can IAI preserve its core value of scientific excellence while providing sound policy-relevant guidance?

- How can IAI preserve the diversity of research topics and participants in its activities?

### **Knowledge Dialogs**

- How to manage and or improve the transfer from science to operations?
- How to improve the dialog between scientific research and country management.
- How to improve the dialogue amongst multiple IAI stakeholders, like NGOs, private sector, operational agencies, multi-lateral agencies

### **GEC Governance for IAI**

- How to better engage IAI countries in the discussion?
- What is IAI's niche within the GEC communities?
- With which institutions should IAI forge alliances, and how?
- How to expand funding sources and sustain IAI activities?

### **Cross-cutting Issues**

- How can the IAI's GEC activities most effectively coordinate with Development activities in the region?
- What are the most effective balances between technical capacity building and other types of capacity building?
- What are the most pressing data and data management needs of the region?