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Agenda item 22a**

Decision XXVI/43: Enhancement of the IAI website

1. This document has been prepared by the IAI Directorate.

<u>Background</u>

2. The Conference of the Parties, at its 26th meeting (CoP-26, Antigua, 2018), adopted Decision XXVI/43, which states:

> *The Parties are invited to provide extraordinary resources and/or technical support for the enhancement of the IAI website including use of a new content management system and database technologies.*

<u>Implementation of Decision XXVI/19</u>

3. In its report to CoP-26 on *Computer and network technologies* (no. IAI/COP/26/20), the IAI Directorate noted that enhancement of the IAI website was urgently needed because:

   a) *The website is composed of flat HTML pages. Consequently, each webpage must be updated individually even if the information contained on different web pages is identical;*

   b) *Categories of information are difficult to harmonize and keep up-to-date. For example, Party information is available through several different web pages when they should be coherently integrated through a single access point;*

c) *Locating and accessing information is difficult and the graphical user interface is not intuitive; and,*

d) *The content management system (CMS) of the website, Wordpress, does not have sufficient flexibility to address many of the concerns above. Additionally, Wordpress is viewed by many web design experts as providing an insecure platform since many of the tools it offers are dependent on the addition of plugins.*

4. While external resources were not made available for said enhancement, the IAI Directorate was able to begin development of the needed web system and present the new website interface prior to the 27th meeting of the Conference of the Parties[1].

5. The new IAI website is hosted under a more secure content management system, can be more easily accessed using smart phones and other hand-held devices and makes possible the organization of information using databases.

6. Please note that, until external resources are made available, technical enhancement of the website will be ongoing.

Recommendation

7. The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of this document.

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[1] See Notification no. IAIUYDIR/2019/005, *New IAI Website.*