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## NOTIFICATION

**Subject: The IAI admitted as an observer to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**

Dear Madam, Sir,

The IAI Directorate is pleased to announce that the IAI has been admitted as an observer to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in a decision adopted by the Council on 18 April 2018 (Decision 2018/226). The *Charter of the United Nations* established ECOSOC in 1945 as one of the six main organs of the United Nations.

Observer status will provide the IAI with the ability to participate more fully in sessions of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), which provides political leadership, guidance and recommendations for sustainable development, and has a central role in the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The IAI will also be able to participate in the Partnership Forum, which the Directorate has also attended in the past, and in meetings of the Development and Cooperation Forum, which reviews trends and progress in development cooperation.

This increased participation will provide the IAI with the ability to support its Parties and facilitate communication of the region's scientific and capacity building priorities and needs in the context of the 2030 Agenda. The IAI will participate as an Observer organization at the upcoming HLPF 2018, to be held from 9 to 18 July 2018 in New York. Parties are encouraged to organize joint side-events with the IAI at the upcoming HLPF 2018 to highlight areas of cooperation, keeping in mind that the deadline for application of side-events is 30 April 2018.

ECOSOC links with United Nations entities dedicated to sustainable development, providing overall guidance and coordination. The entities include regional economic and social commissions, functional commissions facilitating intergovernmental discussions of major global issues, and specialized agencies, programmes and funds at work around the world to translate development commitments into real changes in people's lives.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Marcos Regis da Silva  
Executive Director