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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Research and Systematic Observation Conclusions - Forty-Eighth Session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Dear Madam, Sir,

Reference is made to Notification IAIUYDIR/2018/007 of 16 May 2018 on the preparations of the 26th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) 2018 and 45th and 46th Meetings of the Executive Council (EC). The purpose of this notification is to draw your attention to the Research and Systematic Observation Conclusions agreed to at the Forty-Eighth Session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA-48) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), held from 30 April to 10 May 2018 in Bonn, Germany.

The CoP-26 and EC-45 and EC-46 meetings will be devoted to a number of important discussions on the role of the IAI in the provision of scientific information to policy makers and stakeholders. To this end, the Directorate's presentation at the SBSTA-48 Tenth Meeting of the Research Dialogue, which discussed scientific activities to support the Paris Agreement, focused on how the IAI can: 1. develop synergies with Parties to support regional-scale actions in light of national priorities, 2. communicate science to create action oriented synergies between mitigation, adaptation, technology transfer and capacity-building, and 3. facilitate communication of science for adaptation policies.

The annexed SBSTA-48 Conclusions (FCCC/SBSTA/2018/L.11) highlight the importance of regional institutions to provide and exchange knowledge at the regional, national and local levels, noting that regional initiatives on science communication would be valuable, organized in close collaboration with regional research organizations and relevant stakeholders. The SBSTA urged Parties to continue to engage with the scientific community.

The Directorate has been active in promoting science communication and more specifically climate change communication since the UNFCCC COP-22. A submission to the Convention by Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay under *Research and Systematic Observation*, cited science communication as a priority area to facilitate communication on the research needs and priorities expressed by Parties to the scientific community. The submission also highlighted the role of the IAI in promoting multinational, interdisciplinary scientific research networks in the Americas to guide political action in its Parties.

In response to the IAI CoP decisions XXV/23 *IAI long-term communication strategy and plan*, XXVI/26 *Outreach brochure of the IAI* and XXVI/28 *Augmenting science communication capacities of IAI research projects*, CoP-26 documents IAI/COP/26/16, IAI/COP/26/18a and IAI/COP/26/18c include a report on initiatives that are being discussed by the Directorate with the UNFCCC Secretariat to facilitate communication of science in collaboration with regional strategic partners.

In addition, the Directorate and the Pvblic Foundation, as an element of our strategic partnership, are exploring the use of new technologies such as blockchain in research to support actions by the Parties. As part of this collaboration and in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals, the IAI and Pvblic are discussing the organization of a series of impact-oriented events on solutions using blockchain to address questions related to the conservation of natural resources decarbonization and public health, among others. Parties may wish to consider attendance to the upcoming Blockchain for Impact Summit to be held at the United Nations Headquarters on 4 June 2018.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marcos Regis da Silva', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marcos Regis da Silva
Executive Director