

INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

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NOTIFICATION

Subject: IAI Membership in the Belmont Forum

Dear Madam, Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the IAI was welcomed as a Member of the Belmont Forum during the first day of the Belmont Forum Annual Plenary Meeting which is being held in London, United Kingdom, from 16 to 18 October 2018. The vote was unanimous in favor of supporting IAI membership.

Membership in the Belmont Forum will provide the IAI with a voice in important funding decisions of global change research, a better understanding of national and global funding programs on global change and assist in the implementation of Decision XXIII/15 which aims to establish a flexible funding mechanism for the Americas.

Several side meetings are being held with funding mechanisms and foundations located in London, including, the Charities Aid Foundation, the Children's Investment Fund Foundation and the Wellcome Trust with a view to introduce the IAI and discuss possible joint initiatives. The IAI Directorate will inform Parties on the outcomes of these discussions in due time.

More information on the Belmont Forum is available at: <u>http://www.belmontforum.org/</u>

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

Yours sincerely,

Marcos Regis da Silva Executive Director