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NOTIFICATION

Subject: IAI and the Organization of American States (OAS) strengthen science-policy collaboration in the Americas

Dear Madam, Sir,

The IAI Directorate is pleased to inform you that the Organization of American States (OAS) is organizing a session on strengthening the link between science and policy to enhance cooperation in integrated management of water resources. The event will be held back-to-back with the Joint Session of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) and the Permanent Council (PC), and in celebration of World Water Day 2019, in Washington, D.C., United States, on 19 March 2019.

During the session, the IAI and the OAS will be signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a framework for cooperation mechanisms between their respective Parties to provide stronger scientific contribution to policy processes and to build human and institutional capacities in the Americas.

The General Secretariat of the OAS is the Depository of the Agreement Establishing the IAI. The MoU will strengthen this historical partnership and provide opportunities to implement innovative projects and activities related to global change.

The IAI Directorate invites the Parties to communicate with their Ministries of Foreign Affairs and their representatives to the OAS to encourage their participation at the event.

The IAI Directorate would be grateful if representatives to the OAS would consider making a statement on their country's support to and participation in the IAI. We would also be appreciative if representatives could present research and policy priorities identified by your country and that may be undertaken under this new IAI-OAS partnership. More information on the event of 19 March is available in the attached document.

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

Yours sincerely,

Marcos Regis da Silva
Executive Director