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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Health Component of the Caribbean regional track of the Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience (PPCR)

Dear Madam, Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the IAI Directorate and the State University of New York Upstate Medical University are collaborating in the implementation of the health component of the Caribbean Regional track of the Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience (PPCR).

This innovative project was designed under the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF), in response to the urgent need to scale up investments in climate risk and resilience measures for highly vulnerable countries. It also aims to pilot and demonstrate ways to integrate climate risk and resilience into their core development planning.

Activities under the project include surveys to capture the social, epidemiological and clinical role of gender in the spread of dengue, chikungunya and Zika viruses in three PPCR pilot countries of Haiti, Jamaica and Saint Lucia. This work will support the development of early warning systems to reduce climate variability and change related risks from mosquito borne diseases.

The project duration is from 25 March 2020 to 17 December 2020.

The PPCR is a funding mechanism under the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) implemented in the Caribbean via the Mona Office for Research and Innovation of the University of West. These activities will be undertaken in collaboration with The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA).

The timeliness of this project should not be underestimated given the urgent need for greater resilience to meet the challenges posed by climatic change and the increasing risk of infectious disease epidemics. It also provides the IAI with the opportunity to work with non-Parties in the region and introduce its scientific agenda and networks.

Questions regarding the project may be sent to Dr. Anna Stewart Ibarra, IAI Science Director (astewart@dir.iai.int).

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

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Marcos Regis da Silva
Executive Director