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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Invitation to participate in the Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action on *Pathways to Sustainability*

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am writing in regard to Decision XXVII/16, adopted at the 27th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Brasilia, Brazil, 2019, which instructs the IAI Directorate to *continue exploring alignment of CRN4 with the Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action (CRA)*.

In support of this Decision, I am pleased to inform you that the IAI Directorate is working closely with the Belmont Forum on the development of the *Pathways to Sustainability* CRA.

The Collaborative Research Action on *Pathways to Sustainability* was presented and approved at the last Belmont Forum Plenary (October 2019, Taipei, Chinese Taipei), following a global scoping phase, including the workshop hosted by the IAI in Brasilia, June 2019 (Notification Ref: IAIUYDIR/2019/010). This CRA will be a multi-phased series of calls intended to boost capacity and connectivity, support synthesis, and address opportunities and trade-offs associated with achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

On behalf of the Belmont Forum, phase one of this CRA, an international call for proposals, is led by the National Science Foundation (NSF), United States, with initial interest from a Group of Program Coordinators (GPC) including: the Sao Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP), Brazil, the French National Research Agency (ANR), the National Research Foundation (NRF), South Africa, the Swedish Research Council, and the Thailand Research Fund (TSRI).

On June 11th from 14:00-15:00 CET, NSF will be holding a Zoom meeting to share implementation and partnering details for the first Pathways call. I kindly invite you to attend this meeting to learn more. Those organizations wishing to partner in this multi-national collaboration – either as a funding partner or providing in-kind contributions that leverage existing programs – will be provided a copy of the draft call text and invited to participate in future online meetings of the GPC.

Registration for the meeting is available at: <https://forms.gle/AbGsDwSomwoxjjiPE9>. You will receive instructions on how to join the Zoom meeting via email once your registration is completed.

Please contact Ms. Susanna Ehlers, sehlers@dir.iai.int, Science-Policy Program Officer, should you require additional information or have any questions.

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

Yours sincerely,



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