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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Invitation to participate in the virtual Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action Scoping Workshop on *Migration and Climate Change*

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 *Migration and Climate Change* CRA.

Human migration is projected as one of the greatest adverse impacts of climate change with future flows of climate migrants, also referred to as climate refugees, predicted at 200 million by 2050 (IPCC 2006). To address this intense and complex climate change impact, the Belmont Forum (<https://www.belmontforum.org/about/>) is excited to announce the scoping of a new international funding opportunity focused on *Migration and Climate Change*. We invite you to participate in a special online meeting to share your expert perspective on the state of the science as it relates to research and societal needs in Migration. We will ultimately incorporate your input into the development of research themes for an international call for proposals. Participation in this event does not make you ineligible to submit a proposal once the call is finalized and released.

The Migration and Climate Change CRA virtual scoping workshop will be on **10 July 2020 at 11:00 UTC**, using a government-secured Zoom license to bring together stakeholders from multiple disciplines interested in Migration on various scales.

During this scoping workshop, the IAI Directorate and the Belmont Forum seek to bring together funding agencies and mechanisms, researchers, and experts to understand the potential priorities for research related to Migration. Since Migration and Climate Change is a multifaceted issue, it would benefit from the collaboration of many knowledge types and international resource partners with diverse perspectives. Thus, the term stakeholder is used in its broadest sense as it includes communities, policymakers, business and industry, unionized bodies, tribal organizations, NGOs and many others. Accordingly, this meeting is the perfect opportunity to co-design a funding call based on the collection of adept input.

Accordingly, the IAI Directorate invites the Parties to review the attached document of perspectives gathered thus far and to confirm their participation by completing this **registration form**:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpgchfTL-rCHOd3qI4xG7OgWAe8FA1s6Y-nW8xxyC103sRUw/viewform?usp=sf_link. If you are unable to join by Zoom or phone, and are interested in contributing, we will also be developing a WhatsApp group to exchange ideas. When you register, please share a WhatsApp-enabled phone number so we might include you in this group.

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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