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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Report of the webinar: Impacts of droughts in the Americas: From challenges to opportunities, the case of South America

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am delighted to inform you on the publication of the Report of the webinar: *Impacts of droughts in the Americas: From challenges to opportunities, the case of South America.*

The webinar and report are results generated by the collaboration arising from the *Strategic alliances for the development of a joint agenda on water in the Americas* which is led by the Organization of American States (OAS). Alliance partners contributing to the webinar and report include: The OAS, the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), the Global Environment Fund (GEF), the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI), the Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee of the Countries of the La Plata, Basin (CIC), the World Bank, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the 2030 Water Resources Group.

The report summarizes the issues presented during the webinar and provides information needed by Parties to begin development of a regional strategy on droughts and hydrology. The IAI Directorate notes that water security is one of the goals under the *IAI Strategic Plan*.

The IAI Directorate would be pleased to assist its partners and the OAS by linking the unique science-policy resources and expertise found in its networks to regional initiatives addressing food and water security in the Americas.

At the time of writing, the report is available in Spanish only. The IAI Directorate will inform Parties if and when an English translation is published.

The report is available on the IAI website at: <u>http://www.iai.int/en/post/detail/Impacts-of-droughts</u>

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

Yours sincerely,

Marcos Regis da Silva Executive Director