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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 participating in the Belmont Forum *Pathways to Sustainability* CRA and has provided an annex to support our network of researchers and stakeholders to participate in the 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 global scoping phase, including the workshop hosted by the IAI in Brasilia, June 2019 (Notification Ref: IAIUYDIR/2019/010). This CRA is intended to boost capacity and connectivity, support synthesis, and address opportunities and trade-offs associated with achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The *Pathways to Sustainability* CRA launched on 23 July 2020 and will close on 31 October 2020 [indicative schedule]. To help provide a science base for achieving sustainability goals, the Belmont Forum and partners are supporting 1-2 years of collaborative research networking that focuses on integrated qualitative and quantitative approaches to develop Earth-system-based transformation pathways for sustainable development. Further details, including the call text, can be found on the Belmont Forum website ([www.belmontforum.org](http://www.belmontforum.org)).

The first cycle of funding for this CRA will be directed towards designing cross-cutting networks and competitive activities to build the community, mobilize capacity, bring together existing focused projects, develop networks focused on stakeholder mapping, engagement of new stakeholders, and evaluation of existing efforts. The aim is to build communities to be in a position to develop integrative sustainability pathways responding to society's needs. In the coming years, future funding opportunities could expand research on sustainability pathways and SDG interlinkages.

Those Parties wishing to partner in this multi-national collaboration – either as a funding partner or providing in-kind contributions that leverage existing programs are invited to do so through the IAI. The IAI can facilitate the provision of national resources available for this call, including, but not limited to in-kind support, resources, and personnel. The IAI is also looking to foster the participation of your constituencies and networks in international

research consortia for this global call. I direct your attention towards the IAI annex to the call text, attached here, for consideration and invite you to share the announcement with your networks.

Please contact Ms. Susanna Ehlers, [sehlers@dir.iai.int](mailto: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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marcos Regis da Silva', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marcos Regis da Silva  
Executive Director