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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Invitation to Parties to present initiatives during CoP-31 and an invitation to a science-policy event briefing on the results of the Small Grants Program "The Role of Ecosystem Services in Global Change Adaptation for Human Well-Being."

Dear Madam, Sir,

It is my pleasure to invite Parties attending the 31st Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP-31) to share brief updates on key national and regional initiatives related to global change science and policy on the afternoon of Day 1 of CoP-31 (June 21). Accordingly, the [agenda](#) has been modified to accommodate this topic, allowing a maximum of 8 minutes per presentation. The use of slides is optional. *Parties interested in giving brief presentations are requested to inform the Directorate by 7 June.*

I am also pleased to invite national representatives and observers attending the CoP-31 to a science policy side event following EC-55, on 20 June 2023, from 14:30 to 17:30.

This session will synthesize the key science-policy outcomes of the recently completed Small Grants Program, "The Role of Ecosystem Services in Global Change Adaptation for Human Well-being" (SGP-HW). This program has focused on the interactions between ecosystem services and society across ten IAI member countries. Topics include anticipatory water governance, small-scale fisheries and ocean warming, real-time monitoring and response to wildfires in Amazonia, engaging with indigenous and local knowledge to build resilience, and tradeoffs between hydroelectric energy production and local riverine livelihoods. This program has provided scientific information to support the formulation of public policies urgently needed to meet the challenges of global change. More information on the projects is available at this [link](#).

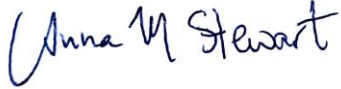
During the event, the main policy-related findings will be presented to IAI focal points, members of the Scientific Advisory Committee, members of the Policy Science Advisory Committee, STeP Program fellows, Directorate staff, representatives from Panama, including the National Secretariat of Science, Technology, and Innovation (SENACYT), the Ministry of the Environment of Panama and other interested ministries and departments, and observers.

The Directorate requests that you register for the Science Policy Side Event at your earliest opportunity: <https://forms.gle/DUx2pmymb5o6FkRV7> .

Further details on CoP-31 logistics will be shared as soon as possible.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna M Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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