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## NOTIFICATION

### **Subject: Invitation to join the Committee on Science and Open Data and the Committee on Oceans, Islands and Coastal Systems**

Dear Madam, Sir,

On behalf of the IAI Directorate, I am pleased to invite the representatives of the Parties to participate in two new committees: the **Committee on Science and Open Data** and the **Committee on Oceans, Islands and Coastal Systems**, whose missions will be to advance the implementation of the decisions described below. Each of these committees shall consist of members of the IAI Executive Directorate, members of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC), representatives of the Parties, and IAI partners.

Interested Parties and Associates should contact [ecastellanos@dir.iai.int](mailto:ecastellanos@dir.iai.int) expressing their wish to join one or both Committees, as soon as possible and no later than 30 August 2023.

Regarding the establishment of the Committee on Oceans, Islands and Coastal Systems, at the 31st Conference of the Parties held in Panama in 2023, the Parties adopted the following decision:

*XXXI/6. The Conference of the Parties instructs the IAI Directorate to establish a research and training program on the nexus of oceans, islands, coastal systems aligned with the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science, to support decision making by Parties, to seek extramural research funding to support these activities, and to identify partners.*

Regarding the establishment of the Committee on Science and Open Data, Article II of the Agreement Establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research, states that *The Institute shall pursue the principles of scientific excellence, international cooperation, and the full and open exchange of scientific information, relevant to global change.* The 26th Conference of the Parties held in Guatemala in 2018 (Decision XXVI/45) established the Open Data Policy and Principles, which aims to advance the reuse of scientific data, participation and sharing by allowing interested parties to access IAI data freely and without restrictions.

The meetings will be virtual, via zoom, with English/Spanish interpretation, and the link will be sent once the Directorate receive the express of interest in participating. The dates for the first meeting of each committee are as follows:

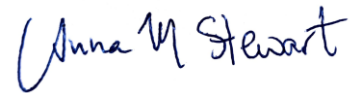
Committee on Science and Open Data: Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 3 pm Montevideo time (GMT-3).

Committee on Oceans, Islands and Coastal Systems: Thursday, September 7, 2023, 3 pm Montevideo time (GMT-3).

Thank you very much for your support of the IAI.

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 style with a large initial 'A'.

Dr. Anna Stewart Ibarra  
Executive Director