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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Participation in the UNFCCC Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week 2023

Dear Madam / Dear Sir,

The Conference of the Parties, at its 31st meeting, adopted Decision XXXI/7, which states:

XXXI/7: The Conference of the Parties instructs the IAI Directorate to engage with IAI Parties during international multilateral science-policy convenings, such as the meetings of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity, and Science Summit of the United Nations General Assembly, among others, and to seek external financial resources to sponsor an IAI delegation comprised of senior and early career scientists to disseminate relevant research with a global community, to strengthen engagement with decision makers, to increase the visibility and participation of scientists from the region, and to increase the capacity of the region to participate in international negotiations.

In support of the above, the IAI Directorate is pleased to announce participation in four events at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week (LACCW) 2023. Hosted by the government of Panama in Panama City, LACCW2023 will take place from 23-27 October 2023.

LACCW 2023 and all the Regional Climate Weeks provide a platform for policymakers, practitioners, businesses, and civil society to exchange on climate solutions, barriers to overcome, and opportunities realized in different regions ahead of COP28 in Dubai, UAE.

In partnership with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), and the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), the IAI is co-hosting a high-level symposium on 24 October 2023 titled "***The Importance of Meteorological and Hydrological Services in Latin America and the Caribbean in providing weather, water and climate services and early warnings for the protection of the environment and society.***"

Additional official side events and action hub sessions organized by the IAI include:

1. **Innovations in Early Warning Systems in Latin America & the Caribbean: Health, Drought, and Wildfire** (24 October 2023 14:45-15:15)
2. **Connecting Weather-Climate Services with empowered communities for resilient Adaptation** (26 October 2023 17:00-18:00)
3. **What Does (just, equitable, and inclusive) Leadership Look Like?** (27 October 2023 14:45-15:15)

Registration for the event is free and can be found at this [link](#). Simultaneous interpretation English/Spanish will be available. The Opening Ceremony and other activities will be streamed live. For more information on LACCW 2023 please refer to this [link](#).

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

Yours sincerely,

Anna Stewart-Ibarra
Executive Director