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## NOTIFICATION

### **Subject: Science Diplomacy Training Program for Policy Makers in the Americas: Inaugural Workshop with SENACYT Panama**

Dear Madam / Dear Sir,

The Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research [Science Diplomacy Center \(SDC\)](#) is pleased to announce the **Science Diplomacy Training Program for Policy Makers in the Americas**. The SDC will hold its inaugural "Introduction to Science Diplomacy" training workshop on 16-21 October 2023 in Panama City, Panama. The training will be hosted by SENACYT Panama and is the first of a series of regional events hosted by IAI Parties.

This initiative responds to the following Decisions adopted at the 31st Conference of the Parties

*XXXI/19. The Directorate is instructed to develop and implement the activities under the Science Diplomacy Center as appropriate and subject to the availability of external financial resources, and report on its development at future meetings of the Conference of the Parties.*

*XXXI/21. The Parties are encouraged to participate in the programs and activities of the Science Diplomacy Center and contribute to the work of the Center with a view to fostering science policy dialogue and enhancement of collaboration related to global environmental change in the Americas.*

The objectives of the workshop are as follows:

- To support decision-makers, government officials, and science advisors in the Americas with an introduction to science diplomacy concepts, skills, and tools, to address policy priorities related to global environmental change.
- To highlight regional case studies on science diplomacy, national science diplomacy strategies, emerging issues and innovation, the role of science advisement, as well as cross-cutting topics such as equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI).
- To support a regional science diplomacy network and community of practice.

The workshop includes a Science Diplomacy Forum on 20 October 2023 to showcase Panama's experiences in science diplomacy and its national science diplomacy strategy. The Forum and other training activities are by invitation only.

More information about the training program is available on the IAI [website](#).

Yours sincerely,

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