



INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

Ref: IAIUYDIR/2023/36

11 December 2023

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Hosting the Headquarters of the IAI Directorate

Dear Madam / Dear Sir,

The Government of Uruguay and the IAI Directorate are informally discussing issues related to the hosting of the IAI Directorate in Montevideo per Article XIV: *Privileges, Immunities and Other Provisions* of the *Agreement establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research*.

Parallel to these informal discussions, Panama, on 6 December 2023, sent a communication to the Chair of the IAI Executive Council, Dr. Maria Uhle, expressing its interest to enter into negotiations regarding the possible hosting of the IAI Directorate.

Parties may recall discussions during the 31st meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2023, Panama City, Panama)¹, to establish a regional office in Panama to increase visibility of IAI science projects and capacity building activities and promote accession by States not parties to the Agreement.

The Bureau of the Executive Council and the IAI Directorate are in communication with the Government of Uruguay regarding the above.

Parties interested in submitting an expression of interest to host the IAI Directorate are invited to contact Dr. Maria Uhle, at muhle@nsf.gov, with cc to Mrs. Soledad Noya, soledad@dir.iai.int, by **10 January 2023**.

Following the receipt of expressions of interest, Parties will be invited to submit full proposals to host the IAI Directorate.

¹ Agenda item 11: Discussions with Panama on the establishment of a regional office (document no. IAI/COP/31/11) see: [https://www.iai.int/administrador/assets/images/ckfinder/files/IAI-CoP-31-11-en\(1\).pdf](https://www.iai.int/administrador/assets/images/ckfinder/files/IAI-CoP-31-11-en(1).pdf)

Please take note that receipt and selection of proposals may require an expedited process for the smooth operations of the IAI Directorate.

The IAI Directorate will provide more details to the Parties of the process to review and select the proposals in due time.

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.

Anna Stewart-Ibarra
Executive Director