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NOTIFICATION

Subject: IAI Participation in the UN Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP16) in Cali, Colombia

Dear Madam or 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... 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 the participation of its delegation at the 16th Conference of the Parties (COP16) to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). COP16 will be held in Cali, Colombia, from 21 October to 1 November 2024.

The IAI is an official CBD observer, and the delegation will participate in high-level ministerial and other meetings focused on policies and actions related to regional and global environmental and climate challenges and the science-policy nexus. An information document about the IAI delegation and participations in events is available (see the [Annex](#)).

The sessions in which the delegation will be present are:

19 October

- Capacity-Building and Development Forum

21 October

- Scientific Diplomacy at the Nexus of Oceans, One Health, and Climate Change in Latin America
- Biodiversity and Productive Development: Reviewing the Economic Landscape in Latin America and the Caribbean

25 October

- Reflections from the Global South for Planetary Change
- Megadiverse Colombia: Biocultural Laboratory for Global Climate Action
- Scientific Diplomacy for Decision-Making in Biodiversity and Climate

27 October

- National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) - Integrating Science and Data for Effective NBSAPs and Community Engagement (Targets 20 and 21)

28 October

- Ministerial Conference on Plastic Pollution, Including Marine Litter
- Women in Science

30 October

- MHLS - High-Level Ministerial Dialogue “Synergies between Biodiversity and Climate Change: From Science to Action”
- Scientific Diplomacy at the Nexus of Biodiversity, Climate Change, and Health in the Americas: Means for Implementing the Global Biodiversity Framework

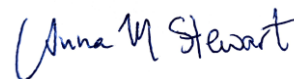
31 October

- Scientific Diplomacy for the Integration of Nature and Culture: Policies and Practices

For more information on COP16, please refer to: <https://www.cop16colombia.com/es/en/>

The Directorate would appreciate that this information be widely circulated among state officials, members of your national delegations attending COP16, researchers, and other actors.

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



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