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## NOTIFICATION

### **Subject: Invitation to CoP-32 side events and special sessions**

Dear Madam or Sir,

The IAI Directorate is pleased to invite national representatives, associates, members of the Science-Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) and the Scientific Advisory Committee, and observers attending the 32nd meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP-32) to the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI), to participate in two side events and two special sessions during CoP-32.

### **Invitation to Parties to attend special sessions during CoP-32, hosted by Bolivia and Canada:**

Bolivia and Canada are hosting two thematic sessions, described below, during CoP-32 on Indigenous Science and Climate Adaptation and Resilience. Parties are invited to deliver brief presentations on their national initiatives and priorities, to highlight best practices and lessons learned, with the aim of promoting regional cooperation and learning.

Parties interested in presenting during CoP-32 should indicate their interest to Sarah Luce ([Sarah.Luce@ec.gc.ca](mailto:Sarah.Luce@ec.gc.ca)) and German Niura ([ingniura@gmail.com](mailto:ingniura@gmail.com)), copying Soledad Noya ([soledad.noya@dir.iai.int](mailto:soledad.noya@dir.iai.int)), by **Friday, 27 April 2024**.

### **CoP-32 Special session #1: Indigenous Global Change Science, first day of the CoP-32, 22 May 2024 at 2:40pm – 3:40pm UYT, at CoP-32 zoom link (registration link [here](#))**

Recognizing the significant value of Indigenous Science in advancing global environmental goals, including tackling the triple planetary crisis (climate, biodiversity loss and pollution), this session will build on the IAI's work to establish an Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Advisory Committee that will make recommendations on the IAI Scientific Agenda, Strategic Plan, and annual work plan, with the goal of strengthening the work of the Institute and facilitating the equitable participation and contributions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.

### **CoP-32 Special Session #2: Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience, second day of the CoP-32, 23 May 2024 at 3:20pm – 4:20pm UYT, at CoP-32 zoom link (registration link [here](#))**

Climate change and extreme weather events are impacting the region, with IAI members already facing record-breaking climate events. Wildfires, extreme heat waves and floods are becoming more frequent. The thawing of permafrost and rise in sea-levels are speeding up the erosion of our coasts. In short, climate-related disasters are impacting the very foundations of our region. It is essential that we support, leverage, and respect knowledge from all science, research, and innovation actors to tackle these challenges. Specifically, the knowledge and science from our

Indigenous and local communities can help us build a more resilient region to reduce the impacts of climate-related disasters and to protect and restore nature and biodiversity.

### **CoP-32 Side Events on 21 May 2024**

#### **Indigenous Language and Biodiversity Indicators, hosted by Canada, 21 May 2024, 10:00am - 12:00 pm UYT.**

To participate in this workshop please contact Jose Arias-Bustamante ([Jose.AriasBustamante@ec.gc.ca](mailto:Jose.AriasBustamante@ec.gc.ca)).

This workshop will provide a platform for sharing experiences and lessons learned from developing and applying Indigenous languages as biodiversity indicators in Canada and Latin America. The objectives are:

- To exchange knowledge and best practices on the methods, tools, data sources, challenges, opportunities, and impacts of developing and applying the use of Indigenous language as biodiversity indicators.
- To explore the potential for collaboration and networking among the workshop participants and their communities for fostering the development of biodiversity indicators based on Indigenous languages.

The workshop will bring with Indigenous people, engaging expert Indigenous knowledge keepers and Indigenous scholars from across Canada and Latin America in group discussions focused on Indigenous Languages and Biodiversity Indicators.

We invite and encourage Parties to nominate Indigenous knowledge holders to participate in this workshop. Indigenous knowledge holders interested in participating are asked to please contact Jose Arias-Bustamante ([Jose.AriasBustamante@ec.gc.ca](mailto:Jose.AriasBustamante@ec.gc.ca)) by **Friday, 26 April 2024**.

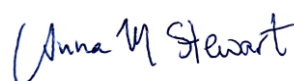
#### **Biodiversity and Health Interlinkages, hosted by the Convention on Biological Diversity, 21 May 2024, 1:00pm – 2:00pm UYT.**

Register [here](#)

This event will offer an in-depth exploration of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) as a multilateral environmental agreement and its role in shaping national biodiversity strategies through the 2022 Kunming-Montréal Global Biodiversity Framework. It will provide insights into the forthcoming CBD COP16 in Cali, Colombia, in October 2024, highlighting the anticipated central outcome: a global action plan on biodiversity and health. Attendees will gain understanding of the interlinkages between biodiversity and human health, along with environmental-health risks and challenges. The event will provide an update on the intergovernmental process to draft a global action plan on biodiversity and health, following formal peer review and initial intersessional negotiations earlier in May.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Director