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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Declaration on Water Security, Biodiversity, and Climate Resilience in the Americas

Dear Madam or Sir,

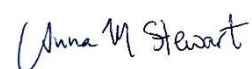
The Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) is pleased to share the **draft Declaration of Asunción on Water Security, Biodiversity, and Climate Resilience in the Americas**, which will be presented for endorsement during the upcoming **33rd Conference of the Parties (CoP-33)**, to be held in Asunción, Paraguay, from **29-30 May 2025**.

This draft declaration reflects the shared commitment of IAI Parties and Associates to advance scientific collaboration and policy action at the nexus of water, biodiversity, and climate resilience. It has been informed by continuous work and dialogue among the Parties and Associates, and will be further discussed during the workshop “Science Diplomacy for Drought Management in the Agricultural, Energy, and River Transport Sectors” and the side event “Droughts in the Americas: Regional Priorities, Early Warning Systems, and Sustainable Development”, scheduled to take place on 26-27 May and 28 May, respectively, prior to CoP-33.

The IAI Directorate kindly invites all Parties, Associates, and members of the Scientific Advisory Committee, Science Policy Advisory Committee, and the Indigenous People Advisory Committee to review the draft declaration and consider **formally endorsing it during CoP-33**. The declaration reaffirms key principles of the IAI, such as scientific excellence, open data sharing, cooperation across sectors, and regional governance. In alignment with Theme 2 of the IAI’s Scientific Agenda, the Declaration outlines actionable commitments toward integrated, science-informed responses to climate-related risks.

Please find the draft declaration enclosed. If you have any comments or suggestions before the meeting, we welcome them at anna.stewart@dir.iai.int.

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



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