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NOTIFICATION

Subject: New Associates to the IAI

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the 33rd meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (CoP-33), held in Asunción, Paraguay, on 29 and 30 May 2025, adopted Decisions XXXIII/10, XXXIII/12 and XXXIII14 welcoming three new Associates to the IAI in accordance with Article XI of the *Agreement Establishing the IAI*.

The new Associates are:

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

With a long-standing partnership with the IAI, including over 20 prior collaborations and recent coorganization of a regional side event on droughts, the WMO brings critical expertise in weather, climate, and water. The WMO's alignment with the IAI's scientific priorities and its outreach through national meteorological services enhances regional cooperation and response to climate-related challenges.

The American Geophysical Union (AGU)

A global leader in Earth and space sciences, AGU promotes Open Science and interdisciplinary research. Its alignment with the IAI is evident through shared values in open data, equity, and inclusion. The IAI Executive Director co-authored AGU's 2024 climate change position statement, and AGU has partnered with IAI through the Belmont Forum on open data which has directly contributed to the IAI's new policy on Open Access to Data and Publications Policy. Researchers from several IAI member states actively serve on AGU committees and advisory boards, including the Global Engagement Committee and the Ethical Framework for Climate Intervention.

The Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Research (IVIC)

As Venezuela's premier research institution, IVIC has made significant scientific and educational contributions across the region. With over 300 researchers, eight regional centers, and nearly 100 laboratories, IVIC exemplifies regional leadership and commitment to advancing science and postgraduate education.

The Directorate anticipates that these new partnerships will provide IAI Parties with greater capacity to meet the objectives in Article II of the *Agreement Establishing the IAI* and reaffirm our collective commitment to fostering inclusive, science-based responses to the environmental challenges facing the Americas.

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

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