



INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

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The Conference of the Parties (CoP)
Inter-American Institute
for Global Change Research (IAI)

Montevideo, 28 March 2023

Dear Sir, Madam,

Subject: Parties' Nominations for SPAC membership

I am writing regarding the need for Parties to replace three (3) members of the Science-Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC), per Article VII, paragraph 2, of the *Agreement establishing the InterAmerican Institute for Global Change Research*, whose terms will expire in June 2023. Parties are requested to nominate qualified candidates for the vacancies to be filled at the upcoming 31st meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be held in Panama City, Panama, from 21 to 22 June 2023.

I note that membership requires expertise in a broad range of knowledge areas aligned with and complementary to the IAI Scientific agenda. Candidates should be well-known and recognized internationally for their work at the intersection between science and policy on global change in the Americas.

Parties may also consider the need for geographic, gender, and ethnic balance in seeking nominations for the open seats on the SPAC. Currently, the SPAC comprises four female members and two male members. Geographic regions currently underrepresented in the SPAC include South America and the Caribbean.

It is also recommended that members not be seen as representatives of a country but of their expertise at the intersection of science and policy relevant to global environmental change.

Nominated candidates should:

- Have experience working at the intersection of science to policy on global environmental change in the Americas.
- Understand the science policies and priorities of different countries on the continent.
- Understand the social, economic, and ecological realities of the Americas.
- Be open and collegial, and demonstrate an interest in working in an interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary environment.

- Have extensive experience directing and managing international science-policy initiatives relevant to the strategic areas of the IAI.

Parties are invited to also consider the following areas of expertise to complement the current membership:

- Science Diplomacy
- Economics
- Indigenous peoples and local communities
- Agricultural policy
- Biodiversity governance

Nominees from groups historically underrepresented in the sciences are welcomed, including Indigenous Peoples, rural and urban poor, youth, women, and people with disabilities.

Thank you for your consideration of the above and for your support of the IAI.

Yours sincerely,



On behalf of SPAC members:

Dr. Evelia Rivera Arriaga
Chair
Science-Policy Advisory Committee

CC:

Members of the Science-Policy Advisory Committee

Dr. Omar R. López Alfano
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IAI Science Director



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for Global Change Research (IAI)

Montevideo, 28 March 2023

Dear Sir, Madam,

Subject: Parties' Nominations for SAC membership

I am writing regarding the need for Parties to replace one (1) member of the Science Advisory Committee (SAC), per Article VII, paragraph 2, of the *Agreement Establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research*, whose term will expire in June 2023. We request that the Parties nominate qualified candidates for the vacancy to be filled at the upcoming 31st meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to be held in Panama City, Panama, from 21 to 22 June 2023.

I note that membership requires expertise in a broad range of scientific areas aligned with and complementary to the IAI Scientific agenda. The nominated scientists should be highly recognized internationally for their scientific work on global change in the Americas.

Parties may also consider the need for geographic, gender, and ethnic balance in seeking nominations for the open seats on the SAC. Currently, the SAC comprises seven female and four male members. Geographic regions currently underrepresented in the SAC include the Tropical Andes and the Caribbean.

It is also recommended that nominees and appointments follow high standards of scientific excellence and that SAC members not be seen as representatives of a country but of their science.

Nominated scientists should:

- Have high academic and research excellence.
- Have an established, extensive research and publication record.
- Have a Doctorate or equivalent experience.
- Be open and collegial and demonstrate experience working in an interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary environment.
- Have extensive experience leading and managing international scientific projects relevant to the strategic areas of the IAI.
- Understand the social, economic, and ecological realities of the Americas.

- Understand the science policies and priorities of different countries on the continent.

Parties are invited to also consider the following areas of expertise to complement the current membership:

- Agriculture and soils
- Economics
- Indigenous peoples and local communities
- Informatics, big data, and artificial intelligence
- Societal transformations

Nominees from groups historically underrepresented in the sciences are welcomed, including Indigenous Peoples, rural and urban poor, youth, women, and people with disabilities.

Thank you for your consideration of the above and for your support of the IAI.

Yours sincerely,



on behalf of SAC members

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Chair
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