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Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research
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CORE BUDGET / PRESUPUESTO OPERATIVO

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXVI/1. The Conference of the Parties accepts and approves the Core Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019.

XXVI/2. The Conference of the Parties accepts and approves the Core Budget preliminary request for fiscal year 2019-2021.

PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXVI/3. The Conference of the Parties urges Parties to submit their contributions to the Core Budget in a timely manner and in accordance with the basic scale and encourages them to make extraordinary contributions above their regular contributions whenever possible and as appropriate.

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XXVI/4. The Conference of the Parties invites Parties to submit their contributions as far as possible during the year prior to the one to which they relate or, otherwise, by the beginning of the calendar year to which the contributions apply.

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVI/5. The Conference of the Parties instructs the IAI Directorate to continue to monitor Parties that have pending contributions to the Agreement by sending reminders twice yearly, with copies to the permanent missions in Montevideo, Uruguay and initiating discussions with the permanent missions in Montevideo of the Parties with pending contributions for three or more years.

XXVI/6. The Conference of the Parties instructs the IAI Directorate to work with the Financial and Administrative Committee to present to CoP-27 different options regarding increases to Party contributions and possible use of United Nations post adjustment scales on professional staff salaries.

EXTRA-BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Directed to the Parties

XXVI/7. The Parties are urged to contribute extra-budgetary financial resources to support the work related to the scientific agenda of the IAI, its capacity building program and other activities not supported through the core budget.

SCIENCE-POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXVI/8. The Conference of the Parties directs the Executive Council and the Standing Committee for Rules and Procedures, with the support of the IAI Directorate, to draft rules of procedure for election of the Science-Policy Advisory Committee for consideration at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

XXVI/9. The Conference of the Parties directs the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee to hold its meetings, physical and virtual, jointly.

XXVI/10. Conference of the Parties decided to re-schedule elections to the Science-Policy Advisory Committee to its twenty-seventh meeting.

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THE IAI STRATEGIC PLAN

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXVI/11. The Conference of the Parties instructs the Directorate, in collaboration with the Science Advisory Committee, the Science-Policy Advisory Committee and interested Parties, to draft a new IAI Strategic Plan for consideration at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

INVITATION TO BECOME AN ASSOCIATE OF THE INSTITUTE

Directed to Parties

XXVI/12. The Conference of the Parties is encouraged to invite Rede Clima to become an Associate of the Institute.

XXVI/13. The Conference of the Parties is encouraged to invite American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) to become an Associate of the Institute.

XXVI/14. The Conference of the Parties is encouraged to invite Future Earth to become an Associate of the Institute.

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVI/15. On behalf of the Conference of the Parties, the IAI Directorate is tasked with drafting an invitation to Rede Clima to become an Associate of the Institute and to prepare an Agreement of Association.

XXVI/16. On behalf of the Conference of the Parties, the IAI Directorate is instructed to draft an invitation to AAAS to become an Associate of the Institute and prepare an Agreement of Association.

XXVI/17. On behalf of the Conference of the Parties, the IAI Directorate is instructed to draft an invitation to Future Earth to become an Associate of the Institute and to prepare an Agreement of Association.

INTEGRATED OPERATIONS AND FINANCE DIRECTORATE IN MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

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XXVI/18. The Conference of the Parties is invited to retire Decision XX/10, *Tripartite Proposal for hosting the IAI*.

XXVI/19. The Conference of the Parties is invited to instruct the Integrated Operations and Finance Directorate to merge with the Science Development Directorate and the Science-Policy Liaison Directorate in Montevideo, Uruguay.

XXVI/20. Parties are encouraged to support work related to science and science policy undertaken through an Integrated Operations and Finance Directorate in Montevideo, Uruguay.

SCIENCE

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVI/21. The IAI Directorate is directed to develop the synthesis and dissemination activities and products of the last phase of the CRN3 program, including a special issue in a peer-review journal and a catalog of science-policy experiences.

XXVI/22. The IAI Directorate is directed to continue working jointly with the CONICET of Argentina in the CONICET-IAI research program.

XXVI/23. The IAI Directorate is directed to gather information on the Parties' national priorities on science and science-policy, especially in the context of international environmental frameworks such as the SDGs, among others, necessary to implement the IAI scientific agenda, including the development of new science and science-policy programs, and a fourth round of Collaborative Research Networks, in particular.

XXVI/24. The IAI Directorate is directed to continue working in collaboration with the SAC/SPAC on the promotion of science by developing alliances, generating synergies with partners and seeking funds to develop scientific programs aimed at completing the scientific knowledge needed to respond to the challenges of global change, in the context of international environmental frameworks such as the SDGs, among others.

Directed to Parties

XXVI/25. The Parties are invited to collaborate with the IAI Directorate in gathering information on the Parties' national priorities on science and science-policy, especially in the context of international environmental frameworks such as the SDGs, among others, necessary to implement the IAI scientific agenda, including the development of new science and science-policy programs, and a fourth round of Collaborative Research Networks, in particular.

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XXVI/26. The Parties are invited to work with the Directorate in an effort to harmonize their science and technology funding schemes to match IAI calls, in particular with the upcoming call for the fourth round of Collaborative Research Networks, CRN4.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVI/27. The IAI Directorate is instructed to continue the development of capacity building programs and activities for professionals from the Americas; to engage with strategic partners, and support Parties by providing training in areas of national and regional interest, subject to the availability of external financial resources.

XXVI/28. The IAI Directorate is instructed to develop a new Seed Grant Program associated with the Professional Development Seminars to be implemented in 2019-2020, subject to the availability of external financial resources.

XXVI/29. The IAI Directorate is instructed to develop the IAI Science and Technology Policy Fellowships Program and submit it to the 27th meeting of the Conference of the Parties for review and possible adoption, subject to the availability of external financial resources.

XXVI/30. The IAI Directorate is instructed to invite Parties to participate in the IAI Research Internship Program as research host organizations and report back at the 27th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

GLOBAL OUTREACH AND COOPERATION

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVI/31. The IAI Directorate is directed to continue to work with strategic partners, identify opportunities to facilitate the science to policy interface, including through science communication initiatives, and to facilitate dissemination of the scientific knowledge needed for the implementation of national and international policies.

COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE IAI DIRECTORATE AND MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Directed to Parties

XXVI/32. The Parties are invited to facilitate collaboration between the IAI Directorate and national focal points to the CBD, UNFCCC and the United Nations High-level Political

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Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), among others, for the communication of relevant IAI scientific Project information for consideration in the drafting of national reporting as obliged under those frameworks.

XXVI/33. The Parties are encouraged to organize side-events, science-policy dialogues and other events with the IAI Directorate to explore synergies and to increase the visibility of the IAI.

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVI/34. The IAI Directorate is instructed to initiate discussions with the Organization of American States with a view to establish a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen collaboration and joint activities and research related to global change in the Americas.

XXVI/35. The IAI Directorate is instructed to submit the draft Memorandum of Understanding with the Organization of American States to the IAI Executive Council for review and approval.

LONG-TERM COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVI/36. The IAI Directorate is instructed to adopt the *IAI Communication strategy and plan* to increase awareness of the IAI scientific agenda, the IAI capacity building program, and the activities related to provision of data and information to policy makers and other stakeholders.

XXVI/37. The IAI Directorate is directed to support Parties in promoting synergies and to cooperate with multilateral environmental agreements and international organizations in the design and implementation science communication activities and projects.

XXVI/38. The IAI Directorate is directed to organize with the UNFCCC and other conventions, organizations and strategic partners, regional science communication initiatives such as a workshop and other outreach activities subject to the availability of financial resources, to improve the provision of data and information to policy makers, and dissemination of scientific knowledge needed for the implementation of national, regional, and international policies in light of the Paris Agreement and other under multilateral environmental agreements.

OUTREACH BROCHURE OF THE IAI

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVI/39. The IAI Directorate is instructed to adopt the Outreach brochure and to update it annually.

IAI PUBLICATION IN A PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVI/40. The IAI Directorate is instructed to communicate with editors of relevant peer-reviewed journals for the publication of a special issue on the IAI, subject to the availability of financial resources, focusing on past and current scientific projects under the Collaborative Research Networks, among other projects, capacity building activities, the Small Grants Program, and the potential impact of these projects and activities on national and regional policies and decisions.

IAI LONG-TERM FUNDING STRATEGY

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVI/41. The IAI Directorate is directed to adopt the *IAI long-term funding strategy* to guide efforts to secure alternate funding sources, particularly the establishment of an IAI endowment, in support of the IAI scientific agenda, capacity building program, provision of information to policy makers and stakeholders and other activities.

FLEXIBLE MECHANISM TO FACILITATE THE FUNDING OF SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS ON GLOBAL CHANGE IN THE AMERICAS

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXVI/42. The Conference of the Parties is invited to encourage their national funding mechanisms and institutions and regional and international development banks to which they may be members to participate in discussions on the establishment of a flexible mechanism to facilitate the funding of scientific projects on global change in the Americas.

ENHANCEMENT OF THE WEBSITE

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Directed to the Parties

XXVI/43. The Parties are invited to provide extraordinary resources and/or technical support for the enhancement of the IAI website including use of a new content management system and database technologies.

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVI/44. The IAI Directorate is directed to make efforts to secure external funding for the enhancement of the IAI website.

OPEN DATA POLICY AND PRINCIPLES

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVI/45. The IAI Directorate is directed to use the IAI Open data policy and principles to provide open access, as appropriate, to data and information generated by IAI funded research.