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Agenda item 12a

**Article XI Associates of the Institute of the *Agreement Establishing the  
Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research***

1. This document has been prepared by Brazil.

Background

2. Article XI, paragraph 1 of the *Agreement Establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research* states:

*The Conference of the Parties may invite States outside the region, regional or international intergovernmental organizations, and industries and other nongovernmental and private organizations interested in supporting the Scientific Agenda and programmatic activities of the Institute, to become Associates of the Institute.*

3. The Conference of the Parties, at its 24th meeting (Santiago, 2016) adopted Decision XXIV/11, which states:

*The Tripartite Committee will work with Rede Clima in Brazil to move forward the implementation of the Science Development Directorate.*

4. Brazil also notes that Article X, Affiliated research institutions states: *an institution which submits a proposal for a specific research project, through the appropriate Party, may be designated by the Conference of the Parties as being affiliated to the Institute for the duration of the project. The Conference shall base its decision on a review of the proposal, taking into account the views of the Scientific Advisory Committee as to the scientific merit of the proposed project and its relevance to the objectives of the Institute.*
5. At the time of writing, three organizations have been invited by the Conference of the Parties to become Associates of the IAI. These organizations are the:
  - a. Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN);
  - b. Centro del Agua del Trópico Húmedo para América Latina y el Caribe [Water Center for the Humid Tropics of Latin America and the Caribbean] (CATHALAC); and
  - c. Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo [São Paulo Research Foundation] (FAPESP)

#### Rede Clima

6. The Rede Brasileira de Pesquisas sobre Mudanças Climáticas Globais [Brazilian Network for Research on Global Climate Change] – Rede Clima<sup>1</sup> is an important pillar of support to research related to the development of the National Plan on Climate Change, among many other activities. It contributes to meeting the needs at the national level for information on climate change, including the production of information to assist in the development of public policies.
7. In this regard, Rede Clima contributes to meeting national needs for scientific knowledge on "Global Environment and Climate Change" and provides scientific advice to Brazilian delegations participating in international environmental and climate negotiations.
8. Additionally, Rede Clima provides analysis and studies on climate change in Brazil by contributing to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessment reports and following the recommendation found in the IPCC guidelines to support the production of the National Inventories on greenhouse gas emissions and, therefore, the implementation of policies at the sub-national, national and international levels, to mitigate and adapt to the effects of the climate and global environmental changes.
9. Brazil notes the synergies in mandates by promoting excellence in scientific work and development of human and institutional research capacities. Furthermore, Rede Clima has contributed to the work under the IAI third round of Collaborative Research Networks (CRN3), including sharing of activities produced under Rede Clima's networks and participation in IAI capacity building and training workshops.
10. Efforts by Rede Clima and the Earth System Science Centre, of the National Institute for Space Research (CCST/INPE), in association with the Brazilian Ministry of Science Technology, Innovation and Communication (MCTIC), to develop a data network

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<sup>1</sup> Information on Rede Clima is available at: <http://redeclima.ccst.inpe.br/>

“Sistema Brasileiro de Monitoramento e Observação de Impactos das Mudanças Climáticas” (SISMOI), complement the project by the IAI within the CRN3, to establish an IAI Open Data Catalog.

11. The relationship of Rede Clima with the IAI is further strengthened through the participation of Brazil’s representative to the IAI, Dr. Jean P. Ometto, who also holds the post of Vice-Coordinator of Rede Clima for the next 2 years. Moreover, other IAI investigators are part of Rede Clima.
12. Given the above, Brazil is of the opinion that Rede Clima meets the requirements under Article XI of the Agreement to become an Associate of the IAI. As an Associate of the IAI, Rede Clima would provide a framework within which specific areas for collaboration may be identified and implemented.
13. The IAI and Rede Clima would collaborate in areas such as: development of partnerships to promote and support global change research at the national and regional levels; promoting a science-policy dialogue, including communication of research outcomes to inform decision-making, promoting linkages between the scientists and institutions of the region; and, facilitating the exchange of researchers between institutions and countries participating in Rede Clima and IAI projects, capacity-building activities.

#### Recommendation

14. Brazil invites the Conference of the Parties to consider that Rede Clima meets the requirements under Article XI of the Agreement to become an Associate organization of the Institute.
15. Brazil is also of the opinion that Rede Clima, once established as an Associate of the Institute, would be better placed to assist in meeting the activities under Decision XXIV/11.
16. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider adopting the draft decisions contained in the Annex to the present document.

Annex

**Draft decisions of the Conference of the Parties**

**Invitation to become an Associate of the Institute**

***Directed to Parties***

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

***Directed to the IAI Directorate***

XXVI/xx. 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 prepare an Agreement of Association.