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Report of the IAI Directorate

Decision XXV/26: Outreach brochure of the IAI

1. This document has been prepared by the IAI Directorate.

Background

2. The Conference of the Parties, at its 25th meeting (Bogota, 2017), adopted Decision XXV/26 which states:

The CoP directed the Directorate to prepare an outreach brochure that would be updated annually.

3. Accordingly, a draft IAI Outreach brochure is attached as Annex 1 to this document.

Recommendation

4. The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider adopting the draft decision contained in Annex 2 to the present document.

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Annex 1 - Bi-fold outreach brochure mockup (printed on recycled paper only)

Cover Images: flags of Parties, dynamic images that show “*research in action*”, e.g., scientists (from young to senior) on land, water, labs, in policy context such as the IAI name plate at a UN plenary.
Logos: IAI logo, SDG wheel. **Social Media logos:** Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube.

Cover

How do global changes impact our lives and future?
How resilient are our communities to global changes?
How can we make informed, science-based decisions towards a more sustainable future?

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Global change refers to climate change and other environmental changes such as land use change, alteration of the water and geochemical cycles, biodiversity loss and other problems affecting the human well-being and economies of countries in the Americas.

The IAI at-a-glance

- A regional intergovernmental organization supported by 19 Parties in the Americas
- Provides policy makers and civil society with needed scientific information for well-informed action and decisions
- Engages scientists from across the Americas in collaborative, multinational, multidisciplinary research
- The IAI is recognized for the excellence of the global change science it supports
510 institutions, 477 scientists involved in research programs
Since 2006:
 - 2,000 young scientists and professionals trained
 - 33 million US dollars in funds invested in cutting-edge scientific projects
 - 5.3 million US dollars in scholarships as part of scientific networks to support young scientists in Latin America

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Vision: The IAI funds regional multinational, transdisciplinary research networks to provide regional leaders with information for more effective national, regional policy-making. Scientific information presented to policy makers in the Americas assists in the formulation of policies to meet urgent challenges posed by the impacts of global change.

Areas of work: Interdisciplinary research co-design, professional development seminars, proposal writing training, global change education, capacity building, science communication and decision support.

Mission: Develop the capacity of understanding the integrated impact of past, present and future global change on regional environments in the Americas, and promote collaborative, well-informed actions at all levels.

Regional research: The IAI supports a wide array of global-change research projects and capacity-building initiatives including: the role of ecosystem services in land-use planning, emerging diseases and human health crises, ocean food chains and long-term sustainability of fisheries, biofuels, biodiversity, reforestation and forest conservation, impacts of drought and flooding, and impacts to rural communities and megacities.

Core Values: Scientific excellence, international collaboration and full and open exchange of scientific information.

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Annex 2

Draft decisions of the Conference of the Parties

Outreach brochure of the IAI

Directed to the IAI Directorate

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