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Agenda item 23**

**Nominations to the Science-Policy Advisory Committee**

1. This document has been prepared by the Chair of the IAI Science -Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) on behalf of the SPAC members.

Background

1. The Conference of the Parties, at its 21st meeting (Montevideo, 2013), adopted Decision XXI/13, which states:

*The CoP approved the establishment of an Advisory Committee on Science-Policy Liaison. The committee will provide advice to the CoP and the IAI Directorates on how to use and design science for policy and decision-making.*

Membership

2. In June 2018, one (1) SPAC member, Dr. Javier Gracia Garza, nominated by the Parties, will conclude his first term and is eligible for re-election if nominated by a Party. Alternatively, Parties can propose new qualified candidates for the vacancy to be filled at the 26th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be held from 20 to 21 June 2018, in Antigua, Guatemala.
3. The SPAC membership requires expertise in a number of critical areas relevant to

assist with the processes related to science to policy, particularly in the context of knowledge generated by IAI sponsored projects and activities. The candidates should be recognized internationally for their science and for their contributions to science and policy in the Americas. The SPAC also looks for geographic, gender, and ethnic balance in seeking nominations.

4. It would be appreciated if nominations could be submitted at your earliest convenience, but not later than 20 May 2018.

5. The present SPAC membership by country of residence is:

- 1 x Brazil
- 2 x Canada
- 1 x Colombia
- 1 x Mexico
- 1 x Uruguay
- 1 x United States

#### Recommendation

6. The SPAC recommends that nominees and appointments follow the high standards of scientific excellence. Moreover, SPAC members serve in their personal capacities and not as national representatives.

New appointments should have:

- strong science policy expertise in science-based decision making or science policy liaison
- expertise and ability to effectively communicate scientific information in a policy relevant manner
- experience leveraging research use
- experience related to global change (especially climate change)
- international Committee Experience
- knowledge and cultural awareness of the Americas
- understanding of the role of and relationships between policy-makers, resource managers, social scientists, and natural scientists

The SPAC recommends specifically that nominations in 2018 consider that the candidates should have the capacity to:

- link issues of biodiversity, ecosystem services governance and global change in the Americas
- promote a view or discuss approaches such as ecosystem-based adaptation or nature based solutions as a framework for evidence based policy development
- integrate views from multiple systems of values related to knowledge production and adaptation strategies
- promote the use of new languages and communication approaches to link science, other knowledge systems and policy development

7. The SPAC welcomes under-represented groups to be nominated.