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Decision XXV/19: Joint SAC, SPAC and EC-CoP meetings

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/19, *Joint SAC, SPAC and EC-CoP meetings* which states:

The CoP directed the Directorate to ensure that SAC, SPAC and EC-CoP meetings overlap to favor interaction.

3. The Scientific Advisory Committee, at its meeting of 10 June 2017, which was held back-to-back with the 43rd meeting of the Executive Council (EC) and on the margins of CoP-25 (Bogota, 2017), stated in its report of the meeting:

The SAC welcomes the opportunity to increase our interaction with the CoP. The organization of the SAC meeting back-to-back with the CoP meeting is an important initiative to this end. Moreover, the joint workshop during the first day of

the CoP meeting will be an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas about how to improve the work of the IAI and how to maximize the advise that the SAC can provide to the CoP the main purpose of the work of the SAC. We are ready to engage in this dialogue with the CoP and look forward to working together to continue improving the excellent work that IAI is doing in the Americas.

4. The Science Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC), at its meeting of 10 June 2017, which was held back-to-back with 43rd meeting of the Executive Council and on the margins of CoP-25, submitted a message to Parties to:

Organize CoP meetings back to back with SAC/SPAC.

5. A joint meeting of the SAC and SPAC was also held on 10 June 2017.
6. In support of Decision XXV/19, the 2nd joint meeting of the SAC and SPAC will be held back-to-back with the 45th meeting of the EC and on the margins of CoP-26 (Antigua, 2018).
7. Additionally, a joint session of the SAC and SPAC is planned during the morning 2nd session of the first day of CoP-26 in conjunction with a presentation by the Secretaría Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (SENACYT) [National Secretariat of Science and Technology], Guatemala.
8. These joint meetings back-to-back with the EC and on the margins of the CoP strengthen the capacity of the IAI to present scientific data and information to its focal points and policy makers, and also increase awareness of issues related the science to policy interface.

Recommendation

9. The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of this document.