

**Eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) of the IAI
Asuncion, Paraguay
15-16 June 2011**

Action List

Decisions

Decision XVIII/1

1.The CoP elected the following members as the Bureau for its Eighteenth Meeting: Paul Filmer from the USA as the Chair, Fernando Mendez Gaona from Paraguay as the First Vice-Chair, and Maria Virginia Alves from Brazil as the Second Vice- Chair.

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2.The CoP elected the new members of the Credentials Committee: Colombia, Costa Rica and the USA. The committee in its composition is appointed for two years and the members are requested to serve in the period between meetings.

Decision XVIII/3

3.The CoP approved the agenda of its Eighteenth Meeting with two modifications: presentations of Argentina and the observer from ECLAC will be made in the afternoon session of day 1.

Decision XVIII/4

4.The CoP approved the report of its Seventeenth Meeting with no modifications.

Decision XVIII/5

5.The Credentials Committee informed the CoP that thirteen delegations had submitted the official credentials to participate in the meeting: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Paraguay, Peru, the United States and Uruguay. Required number of accredited Parties to constitute quorum is nine.

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6.The CoP approved the Core Budget Request for FY 2011-2012.

Decision XVIII/7

7.The CoP approved the level of Country Contributions for FY 2011-2012.

Decision XVIII/8

8.The CoP accepted the Auditor's report for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2010.

Decision XVIII/9

9.The CoP approved the Financial Statements of FY 2010-2011.

Decision XVIII/10

10.The CoP approved the Annual Program for FY 2011-2012.

Decision XVIII/11

11.The Cop requested that countries willing to participate in the Financial and Administrative Committee (FAC) contact the EC chair. It is desirable that members have experience with financial and budgetary issues. The cost of participation of members in FAC meetings is at the expense of the member's country.

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12.The CoP unanimously decided to call a special meeting in mid February 2012 to choose the host country for the Directorate. The USA volunteered to host this meeting.

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13.The CoP set the deadline for countries to receive full proposals to host the Directorate as 15 November 2011.

Decision XVIII/14

14.The CoP established an ad hoc committee (Host Country Committee) to provide information and advice to countries willing to host the IAI Directorate. Members are Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Paraguay and the USA. This Committee will also evaluate the proposals received by November 15. In case of conflict of interest an alternate member will replace the country submitting a proposal. Alternate member is Guatemala and the committee may function with five members if necessary. The Committee will request legal advice for the evaluation of proposals if needed.

Decision XVIII/15

15.The CoP charged the EC with the drafting of the Terms of Reference for the Host Country Committee.

Decision XVIII/16

16.The CoP approved the Strategic Plan for one year. The issue of gender, adaptation and climate change need to be included in the document. Colombia will draft a paragraph and will present it at the next regular CoP for approval.

Decision XVIII/17

17. The CoP requested an Implementation Plan that includes indicators and measures of progress its Strategic Plan for its consideration at the next regular CoP. The SAC must be part of this process.

Decision XVIII/18

18. The CoP recognizes that the establishment of Centers of Excellence for Global Change Research is the fruit of the scientific efforts supported in the framework of IAI CRN and SGP-HD programs and endorses the establishment of the virtual Center for Water Security at University of Arizona and Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

Decision XVIII/19

19. The CoP elected the following members of the Scientific Advisory Committee: Jose Marengo (nominated by the Parties) and Walter Baethgen, Rodolfo Dirzo and Frank Müller Karger (nominated by the SAC). Tellers for the election were Argentina and Cuba.

Decision XVIII/20

20. The CoP accepted the offer of the USA to host the regular EC and CoP meetings in 2012.