



INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

Twenty-fourth Conference of the Parties (CoP) of the IAI

14-15 June 2016, Santiago, Chile

Decisions and actions - Day 1

1. The CoP elected the following members as the Bureau for its Twenty Fourth Session: Gladys Santis from Chile as the Chair, Fernando Mendez Gaona from Paraguay as the First Vice-Chair, and Kate Vogt from Canada as the Second Vice-Chair.
2. The CoP approved the agenda of its twenty-fourth session.
3. The CoP approved the report of its twenty-third session.
4. Canada and USA proposed the realization of a workshop with the SAC, SPAC and member countries to develop a dialogue and co-design of research between policy and science and address country priorities. The CoP needs to identify who will lead the organization of the workshop.
5. The Committee to recommend candidates for the election of SAC members made the following recommendation to fill the vacant positions: Elena Abraham and Joshua Tewksbury (nominated by Parties); Susana Adamo and Reynaldo Victoria (nominated by Associates). The committee recommended that no exceptional term extensions be granted for SAC members for this election.
6. The Committee to recommend candidates for the election of SPAC members recommended the following members to fill the vacant positions: Luis Basterra (nominated by Parties); Gilberto Camara (nominated by the SPAC) and Yolanda Kakabadse (nominated by the IAI Directorate).
7. The Credentials Committee informed the CoP that thirteen delegations had submitted the official credentials to participate in the Conference: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Panamá, Paraguay, United States and Uruguay. Required number of accredited Parties to constitute quorum is eight.
8. Canada suggested that all representatives indicate in a table what is their opinion on the role of the IAI country representation. Based on this information, the CoP will decide if a committee for drafting a Charter for IAI representatives is needed.
9. The CoP endorses the proposal of involving journalists and journalism students in the different countries in the CRN 3 projects and future CRN4.
10. The CoP renewed the term of the Implementation Committee for the Tripartite Structure of the IAI for one year. The committee will maintain its terms of reference and membership: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador (Vice-chair), Uruguay, and USA (Chair). The committee shall remain open to all the Parties.
11. The Tripartite Committee will work with Rede Clima in Brazil to move forward the implementation of the Science Development Directorate.

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Decisions and actions - Day 2

1. The CoP approved the list of decisions and actions of day 1.
2. The CoP approved the Core Budget Request for fiscal year 2016-2017.
3. The CoP approved the unchanged level of country contributions for fiscal year 2016-2017.
4. The CoP accepted the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.
5. The CoP accepted the auditors' reports of the Financial Statements as of 30 June 2014 and 2015.
6. The CoP approved the Annual Plan for fiscal year 2016-2017.
7. The CoP decided to interrupt the 2015 Director Search due to procedural errors. Candidates will be informed of the new profile required and will be allowed to apply again.
8. The CoP accepted the model proposed by the US to define the profile for the new Director.
9. The CoP decided that the appointment term for the Director would be as stated in the Agreement Establishing the IAI (three-year term with eligibility for a single additional three-year term) with no possibility to compete again.
10. The CoP decided to review and amend the Agreement Establishing the IAI to extend the Director's appointment term to 4 years (renewable only once) and to make any other changes considered necessary.
11. The CoP decided that the Search Committee would continue functioning in its current composition. Other Parties are invited to join the committee if they wish.
12. The CoP decided to draft letters to non-active member countries, inviting them to reengage in the IAI. The letter will be delivered in person by the Directorate, if possible. The CoP suggested that the help of neighboring countries would be welcomed.
13. Canada stepped down from the Member Country Engagement Committee.
14. The CoP decided that small countries having arrears in contributions could cancel their debts by organizing events or other activities that would be attributable to the IAI core budget.
15. The CoP elected by consensus the following members to the SAC: Elena Abraham and Joshua Tewksbury (nominated by Parties); Susana Adamo and Reynaldo Victoria (nominated by Associates).
16. The CoP elected by consensus the following members to the SPAC: Luis Basterra (nominated by Parties); Gilberto Camara (nominated by the SPAC) and Yolanda Kakabadse (nominated by the IAI Directorate).
17. The CoP elected the members of the Executive Council for the next two years by consensus: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Panama, Paraguay, and USA.

18. The CoP accepted the offer of Colombia to host the next CoP. Insofar as possible, the CoP and EC meetings will be held back to back with the SPAC and SAC meetings an the Workshop proposed in D&A4, day 1.

19. The CoP decided to request the EC to draft a thank you letter to the outgoing SAC Chair, Frank Müller Karger.