



INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

Honorable Members of the  
Conference of the Parties (CoP)  
Inter-American Institute  
for Global Change Research (IAI)

Montevideo, 04 April 2022

**Subject: Parties' Nominations for SAC membership**

Dear Madam, Sir,

I am writing regarding the need for Parties to replace two (2) members of the Science Advisory Committee (SAC), under Article VII, paragraph 2, of the Agreement establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research, whose terms will expire in June 2022. We request that the Parties nominate highly qualified candidates for the two vacancies to be filled at the upcoming 30th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to be held 14 to 15 June 2022.

The SAC notes that membership requires expertise in a broad range of scientific areas aligned with and complementary to the IAI Scientific agenda. The scientists should be well known and recognized internationally for their scientific work on global change in the Americas.

The SAC recommends that the Parties consider the need for geographic, gender, and ethnic balance in seeking nominations for the open seats on the SAC. Geographic regions currently underrepresented in the SAC include North America, Central America, and the Caribbean.

The SAC also recommends that nominees and appointments follow the high standards of scientific excellence and that SAC members not be seen as representatives of a country but of their science.

Nominated scientists should:

- Have high academic and research excellence.
- Have an established, extensive research and publication record.
- Have a Doctorate or equivalent experience.
- Be open, collegial, and demonstrate experience working in an interdisciplinary and/or transdisciplinary environment.
- Have extensive experience directing and managing international scientific projects relevant to the strategic areas of the IAI.
- Understand the social, economic, and ecological realities of the Americas.
- Understand the science policies and priorities of different countries on the continent.

The SAC recommends specifically that Parties consider the following areas of expertise to complement the current membership:

-Agriculture, soils and carbon sequestration

- Implementation science on adaptation, mitigation, and governance
- Economics
- Energy security, renewable energy sources, and green technologies
- Knowledge, innovations, and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities
- Disaster risk management and early warning systems
- Informatics, big data, artificial intelligence, and large-scale networks
- Science-policy communications, social networks, and mobilization
- Synthetic biology and genetic technologies

Nominees from groups that have been historically underrepresented in the sciences are welcomed including Indigenous Peoples, rural and urban poor, youth, women, and people with disabilities.

Thank you for your consideration of the above and your support of the IAI.

Yours sincerely,



on behalf of SAC members  
Omar Ramsés López Alfano,  
Chair  
IAI Science Advisory Committee

CC: Members of the Science Advisory Committee

CC: Dr. Evelia Rivera Arriaga  
Chair, Science-Policy Advisory Committee

CC: Dr. Marcos Regis da Silva  
IAI Executive Director

CC: Dr. Anna Stewart-Ibarra  
IAI Science Director



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Montevideo, 04 April 2022

**Subject: Parties' Nominations for SPAC membership**

Dear Madam, Sir,

I am writing in regard to the need for Parties to replace one (1) member of the Science-Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC), whose terms will expire in June 2022. We request that the Parties nominate highly qualified candidates for the vacancy to be filled at the upcoming 30th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to be held 14 to 15 June 2022.

The SPAC recommends that the Parties take into consideration the need for geographic, gender, and ethnic balance in seeking nominations for the open seat on the SPAC. Geographic regions currently underrepresented in the SPAC include **Central America and the Southern Cone**.

The SPAC also recommends that SPAC members not be seen as representatives of a country but of their expertise at the intersection of science and policy relevant to global environmental change.

Nominated candidates should have:

- Understanding/experience working at the intersection of science to policy on global environmental change in the Americas.
- Understand the science policies and priorities of different countries on the continent.
- Understand the social, economic, and ecological realities of the Americas.
- Be open, collegial, and demonstrate interest in working in an interdisciplinary and/or transdisciplinary environment.
- Have extensive experience directing and managing international science-policy initiatives relevant to the strategic areas of the IAI.

The SPAC recommends specifically that Parties consider the following areas of expertise to complement the current membership:

- Economics
- Poverty alleviation and inequality
- Food security
- Education, civil society engagement, science communications
- Knowledge, innovations, and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities

Nominees from groups that have been historically underrepresented in the sciences are welcomed.

Thank you for your consideration of the above and for your support of the IAI.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Rivera', with a large loop at the end.

Dr. Evelia Rivera Arriaga  
Chair  
Science- Policy Advisory Committee

CC: Members of the Science-Policy Advisory Committee

CC: Dr. Omar Ramsés López Alfano  
Chair, Science Advisory Committee

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