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

22 March 2021

Subject: Parties' Nominations for SAC membership

Dear Madam, Sir,

I am writing in regard to the need for Parties to nominate two (2) members of the Science Advisory Committee (SAC), pursuant to Article VII, paragraph 2, of the Agreement establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research, whose terms will expire in June 2021. One of them, Dr. Mariana Meerhoff Scaffo, has reached the end of her first term and is eligible for re-election if a Party decides to nominate her. A second nomination is needed to fill the other vacancy. We request that Parties nominate highly qualified candidates for the two vacancies to be filled at the upcoming 29th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to be held 22 to 23 June via videoconference

The SAC notes that membership requires expertise in a broad range of scientific areas in alignment 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 take into consideration 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 Central America and the Caribbean, and the tropical Andes.

The SAC also recommends that nominees and appointments follow the high standards of science 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 in the continent.

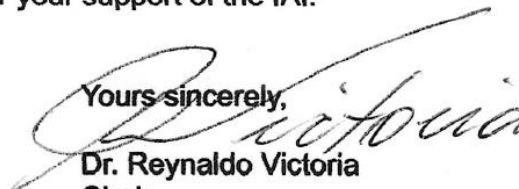
The SAC recommends specifically that Parties consider the following areas of expertise to complement the current membership:

- Social sciences, including urbanism, economy, and education
- Indigenous and traditional knowledge
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Planetary health, one health, social-ecological systems approach to health
- Expertise in informatics, big data, artificial intelligence and large-scale networks

Nominees from groups that have been historically under-represented in the sciences are welcomed.

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

Yours sincerely,



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