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To: Honorable Members of the Conference of the Parties (CoP)  
Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research IAI  
From: Edwin Castellanos, Chair, IAI Science Advisory Committee (SAC)  
on behalf of SAC members  
Subject: Parties' Nominations for SAC membership

In June 2017, two (2) SAC members nominated by the Parties will have their terms expire. One of them, Carlos Alfredo Joly, has reached the end of his first term and is eligible for re-election if a Party decides to nominate him. 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 June 2017 Conference of the Parties in Bogotá, Colombia. SAC members will also nominate other candidates to complete a total of four new members to be elected during the coming CoP.

The SAC membership requires expertise in a broad range of scientific areas relevant to the research topics that the IAI promotes in the continent. The scientists should be well known and recognized internationally for their scientific work in the Americas. The SAC also looks 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.

The SAC recommends that nominees and appointments follow the high standards of science excellence. Nominated scientists should:

- Have high academic and research excellence.
- Have an established, extensive research and publication record.
- Have a Doctorate or equivalent experience.
- Be multidisciplinary, open, collegial, and demonstrate a willingness to work in an interdisciplinary 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 nominations in 2017 consider the following areas of expertise to complement the current membership:

- Social sciences, including urbanism, economy, and social health
- Climatology, including observation, modeling, and impact assessments
- Oceanography
- Ecosystem services

Thank you,