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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Participation by the IAI in upcoming meetings

Dear Madam, Sir,

At its last meeting, which was held via teleconference on 19 September 2017, the Science-Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) recommended that CoP members, the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and the SPAC be informed periodically on the participation by the Directorate in future meetings of interest. This information will provide Member Country representatives and Committee members with the opportunity to offer input and identify synergies with other relevant activities and initiatives thus enhancing effectiveness and visibility of IAI presence at those venues.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that the IAI will participate in 2017 in the meetings listed below:

1. Mexican Congress on Science-Informed Policy: Enhancing the Science-Policy Interface, Mexico City, Mexico, 18 to 20 October 2017

The Congress will bring together national and international members of the highest-level institutions and stakeholders that provide scientific input and capacity to governments at the local, national and global levels. The program is intended to provide diverse perspectives on the different mechanisms and models operating at the science-policy interface.

2. Knowledge Forum on Water Security and Climate Change: Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Water Resources Management, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France, 18-20 October 2017

The Knowledge Forum will bring together researchers, practitioners, policy and decision makers, partners and collaborators working in the water sector to share knowledge, best practices and ideas for a sustainable management of water resources impacted by climate change. The IAI will present experiences and lessons learned at the High Level Science-Policy Dialogue on Water Security, which will discuss upon the importance of cooperation between science and policy in tackling the challenges of water security and climate change.

3. Belmont Forum, São Paulo, Brazil, 6-10 November 2017

The IAI will participate in events to seed new and strengthen existing scientific funding and management partnerships to more effectively address critical needs at the science-society-policy interface. In particular, during the morning of 7 November 2017, a meeting of organizations interested in establishing an Inter-American Forum of Funding Agencies will be held.

4. 23rd session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP-23), Bonn, Germany, 6–17 November 2017

At COP-23 Governments are meeting to advance the implementation of the Paris Agreement. The focus is on the development of guidelines on how the Paris Agreement's provisions will be implemented across a wide range of issues including transparency, adaptation, emission reductions, provision of finance, capacity building, and technology. The aim is make progress in all these areas so that the guidelines can be completed by COP24 in Poland in 2018.

5. 21st Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Montreal, Canada, 11-14 December 2017

SBSTTA-21 will consider biodiversity-related scenarios and other scientific and technical information, drawn from work prepared for the third and fourth editions of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, complemented by an assessment of the links between elements of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the targets under the Sustainable Development Goals, drawing from information available from previous analyses. The tentative and annotated agendas are available at: <https://www.cbd.int/sbstta/preparation/default.shtml>

The IAI Directorate would be grateful for information on and feedback from Member Country representatives, SAC and SPAC to the above meetings.

Yours sincerely,



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