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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Date and venue of the 26th meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2018 and the 45th and 46th meetings of the Executive Council

Dear Madam, Sir,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Republic of Guatemala, through its National Secretariat for Science and Technology, has generously offered to host the 26th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP-26) and the 45th and 46th meetings of the Executive Council from 19 to 22 June 2018.

The hosting of CoP-26 by Guatemala in Central America and the Caribbean will offer the IAI unique opportunities to enhance its activities with Parties, reach out to non-Parties, and gain a deeper understanding of global change issues impacting countries and small island developing states in the region. It will also increase the visibility of the IAI and promote science-policy dialogues between and among Parties.

The provisional agenda, official documents and logistical information will be posted on the IAI website in due time.

The Conference of the Parties at its 25th meeting adopted Decision XXV/19, *Joint SAC, SPAC and EC-CoP meetings*, which states: *The CoP directed the Directorate to ensure that SAC, SPAC and EC-CoP meetings overlap to favor interaction*. Accordingly, please note that a joint meeting of the Science Advisory Committee and the Science Policy Advisory Committee will be organized by the IAI Directorate and held back-to-back with the 45th meeting of the Executive Council and CoP-26.

The Directorate is grateful for and acknowledges the contribution of the Republic of Guatemala to the IAI.

Yours sincerely,

Marcos Regis da Silva
Executive Director