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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Co-funded Small Grant Program (SGP): the role of ecosystem services in adaptation to global change for human wellbeing

Dear Madam, Sir,

The IAI Directorate is pleased to announce the launch of the 2018 Co-funded Small Grant Program (SGP): *The role of ecosystem services in adaptation to global change for human wellbeing*, an innovative call for projects that integrates scientific inquiry with economic, legal and social issues. The SGP also takes into account the framework provided by multi-lateral environmental agreements, organizations and mechanisms and the national obligations arising from membership in these binding instruments, namely, the Paris Agreement, the United Nations Biodiversity Strategic Plan and its Aichi Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals.

In this context, the SGP aims to link science and policy to achieve social-ecological sustainability and human welfare goals. The approach adopted under the SGP, namely, a combination of ecosystem services and adaptation, reinforces the need for transdisciplinary research by integrating natural and social sciences. It is expected that the SGP will enhance the capacity of scientists to develop, conduct and disseminate high-quality, solution-oriented, integrated transdisciplinary research on global change in the Americas.

The SGP is attached for your convenience. We would request that you disseminate this call widely through your networks and to your scientific community. We also encourage you to share this call with your national funding agencies with a view to leverage co-funding to increase the number of projects supported under this call.

The IAI Directorate is grateful to the financial support provided by the United States National Science Foundation which made this SGP possible.

Yours sincerely,

Marcos Regis da Silva
Executive Director