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NOTIFICATION

Subject: 26th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2018 and 45th and 46th Meetings of the Executive Council

Dear Madam, Sir,

Reference is made to Notification IAIUYDIR/2018/001 of 18 January 2018 on the dates and venue of 26th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) 2018 and 45th and 46th Meetings of the Executive Council (EC). The present notification provides an update on the preparations for these meetings as well as links to official documentation available on the IAI website.

Kindly note that as of one month prior to the meetings in Antigua, Guatemala, the following Parties have submitted their registration to participate in the meeting: Brazil, Canada, Chile, Mexico, Panama and Peru (with diplomatic representation). We urge Parties to register, if they have not done so as plenary sessions require the presence of a quorum of accredited/designated representatives of one-half of the active IAI Parties (*Standing Rules of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research*, rule 25).

The upcoming CoP and EC meetings will be devoted to a number of important programmatic issues such as the conclusion of the third round of the Collaborative Research Network (CRN3) and elaboration of the IAI's flagship program's fourth round (CRN4) and selection of pre-proposals of the Small Grants Program on the role of Ecosystem Services in Adaptation to Global Change for Human Well-Being. Concurrent funding discussions will be held during the Belmont Forum Americas meeting to be held in Antigua on 18 June, back-to-back with CoP-26.

Furthermore, CoP-26 will deliberate on pivotal issues regarding the implementation of the Tripartite Agreement, the IAI strategic vision, plan and the future work program of the IAI such as the *Open data policy and principles*, the long-term funding strategy, long-term communication strategy and plan, enhancing activity of IAI Party representatives. In that regard, I draw your attention to the meeting documents available on the IAI website in English and Spanish at: <http://www.iai.int/26th-meeting-of-the-conference-of-the-parties/>

Finally, I acknowledge with concern the pressure posed by the financial obligations under the many international treaties to Parties. I would like to emphasize the importance of your active engagement and participation at the upcoming meeting to adopt actions by the IAI Directorate that will best support your research and capacity-building needs towards the implementation of intergovernmental framework agreements.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Director