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## NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Invitation to provide input and feedback on the Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action on *Sustainability of Soils and Groundwater: resilience and restoration under extreme pressure from climate and land use change***

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am writing in regard to Decision XXVII/16, adopted at the 27th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Brasilia, Brazil, 2019, which instructs the IAI Directorate to *continue exploring alignment of CRN4 with the Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action (CRA)*.

In support of this Decision, I am pleased to inform you that the IAI Directorate is working closely with the Belmont Forum on the development of the Sustainability of Soils and Groundwater CRA.

The concept for the scoping phase of the Collaborative Research Action on *Sustainability of Soils and Groundwater: resilience and restoration under extreme pressure from climate and land use change* was presented and approved at the last Belmont Forum Plenary (October 2018, London, UK). On behalf of the Belmont Forum, the implementation of this scoping phase is led by AllEnvi (France) and the French National Research Agency (ANR), with the support of a Scoping Steering Committee which includes the participation of the National Science Foundation (NSF), USA, the Sao Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP), Brazil, and the Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF).

The first scoping workshop was held at the Environment Agency Austria (Umweltbundesamt) in Vienna, Austria from 5 to 7 April 2019. The concept note approved by participants at the meeting is enclosed. The Belmont Forum is now developing other opportunities for regional and/or national consultations through an online survey. I kindly invite you and other relevant experts to contribute research recommendations and provide national or regional priorities on Sustainability of Soils and Groundwater as input to the Belmont Forum scoping processes.

Input and feedback will be made possible through the online survey. The Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) will organize this virtual consultative process for the Americas and the global change System for Analysis, Research, and Training (START) for Africa.

The survey will be open until **26 August 2019** and is available here:

- in English (<https://fr.surveymonkey.com/r/GJZJSXF>)
- in Spanish (<https://fr.surveymonkey.com/r/MHMT3FX>)
- in French (<https://fr.surveymonkey.com/r/GJRTR3X>)

Many thanks in advance for your contribution to this scoping phase. Please contact Ms. Susanna Ehlers [sehlers@dir.iai.int](mailto:sehlers@dir.iai.int), Science-Policy Program Officer, should you require additional information.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marcos Regis da Silva', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Marcos Regis da Silva  
Executive Director