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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Invitation to participate in the planning of the Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action on *Climate, Environment, and Health (CEH2)* Scoping Workshop in the Americas

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 planning of a regional scoping workshop for the 2nd iteration of the Climate, Environment, and Health CRA.

The timely Collaborative Research Action on *Climate, Environment, and Health 2 (CEH2)* was presented and approved at the last Belmont Forum Plenary (October 2020, Virtual) and is now in its global scoping phase. The CEH2 CRA is the second part of a multi-phased series of calls intended to boost capacity and connectivity, support synthesis, and address opportunities and research and decision gaps related to climate, environment, and health.

The IAI Directorate, along with the Belmont Forum, would appreciate your assistance in the planning of a virtual regional scoping workshop tentatively scheduled for July 2021. We are seeking recommendations for participants for the scoping workshop to ensure a regionally robust workshop. The aim of the workshop is:

- Training needs/priorities to be addressed in IAI capacity building workshops
- To introduce Belmont Forum to the region
- Identify research gaps (identified by science experts and policy practitioners)
- Identify funding priorities (funders)

Participants could include:

- Scientific experts in the intersections of climate, environment and health
- Practitioners, and policy makers from ministries of environment and health.
- Science funding agencies

The scoping meeting is an opportunity to ensure that this CRA aligns with regional needs and science funding priorities. Those organizations wishing to partner in this multi-national

collaboration – either as a funding partner or providing in-kind contributions that leverage existing programs – can provide input at this stage in the development of the call.

Please contact Dr. Anna M. Stewart Ibarra astewart@dir.iai.int, Science Program Director, should you require additional information or have any questions.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Director