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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Project on the *Design and Implementation of an information system on droughts (monitoring, prediction, adaptation and mitigation of impacts) for southern South America*

Dear Madam, Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the IAI Directorate will be administering a project on the *Design and Implementation of an information system on droughts (monitoring, prediction, adaptation and mitigation of impacts) for southern South America (SISSA*)*.

This project is made possible through a grant by the European Union through its Euroclima+ initiative and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development (AECID*) of approximately USD1,450,000.

SISSA will focus on enhancing institutional capacities to deal with the challenges arising from droughts through the development and implementation of innovative monitoring and predictive tools. It will also strengthen existing mechanisms for data collection and analyses to improve knowledge on effective management strategies related to risk reduction.

The project will be developed by researchers associated with the IAI's Collaborative Research Network (CRN) program working on climate services. The technical leader is Argentina's National Meteorological Service on behalf of the *South of South America Regional Climate Center (CRC-SAS)*. In addition, the IAI Directorate and the project team are working with partners in the region including AECID's Oficina Técnica de Cooperación (OTC) and its Centro de Formación, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Office for the Americas, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and the Organization of American States (OAS), among others.

The geographic extent of the project will include Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay. Given the socioeconomic impacts of droughts in the Americas, several other countries in the region expressed interest in the project and have participated in the project meetings and workshops.

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• Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo

A number of priorities identified by IAI Parties will benefit from the scope of this project on droughts, including, but not limited to: water and food security, energy and commercial transportation, environment and health, and ecosystem services. Countries may also benefit from participation in the project by gaining increased knowledge and capacities for the development of more effective strategies and policies related to adaptation and resilience to droughts.

The IAI Directorate is grateful to the European Union, Euroclima+ and AECID, whose generous financial contribution made this project possible.

Questions on the project may be sent to Ms. Marcella Ohira (marcella@dir.iai.int).

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