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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Information session for Parties on the IAI Regional Assessment

Dear Madam, Sir,

The IAI Directorate held an information session on the Regional Assessment on February 17, 2022, to inform the Parties on the progress and next steps of this initiative. The briefing focused on three main topics: i) a description of the background and objectives of the Regional Assessment, ii) the proposed timeline for carrying out this initiative and iii) the content of the survey with a practical demonstration of its format.

Regarding the background of the Regional Assessment, it was noted that the initiative belongs to Objective i. of Goal 2 of Theme I in the IAI Strategic Plan, according to which the Parties, in collaboration with the Scientific Advisory Committee, the Science and Policy Advisory Committee, and the IAI Directorate, will identify the policy and decision making national and regional landscapes related to global environmental change. This information will support the IAI to plan policy-relevant research funding in Member Countries.

It was also noted that the results of the assessment will be used to guide priorities in science funding and capacity building activities implemented by the IAI to support the production of science that Parties require to make more informed decisions related to environmental change. Therefore, Parties that participate in the Regional Assessment will have the opportunity to advance the IAI's future science priorities and opportunities for future collaboration among Parties with similar needs and priorities.

It was also announced that the results of the Regional Assessment will be presented in several products, including: i) a final report synthesizing the needs for scientific information to inform decisions related to global environmental change, and ii) an interactive panel that will represent the singularities and commonalities in terms of research and capacity building priorities identified by the Parties.

Regarding the schedule for the Regional Assessment, it was informed that the next step involves inviting Parties to complete an online survey in early March. Focal points will be given enough time to complete the survey and, once surveys have been completed, the information collected will be analyzed and a report will be drafted for the COP 30 in June 2022. Participants were also informed that the information from the surveys will be complemented with subregional group listening sessions, which will be held during the month of May.

Finally, an overview of the survey content was shared, together with an interactive session where participants were able to respond to three survey items while viewing the results in real time. The topics of the survey include: 1) priority areas of work in the participant's institution in

relation to global environmental change, II) types of decisions made by the participant's institution in relation to global environmental change, III) use of scientific information in decision and policy making, and IV) transboundary collaborations and international agreements related to global environmental change.

LINK TO VIDEO RECORDING OF THE SESSION

IAI Regional Assessment information session for Parties

https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/2cMulDzUdczRJU09gnSLxpBhijWo3pn0Hb9EHtVvltwA6FGXk_mOyBprPNbS8.7Ztc6CdIT1HW7JzJ

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

Yours sincerely,



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