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NOTIFICATION

Subject: The IAI signs agreement with the United Nations Environment Programme to jointly implement the *Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities (EPIC) Network in Latin America and the Caribbean*

Dear Madam, Sir,

I am pleased to announce that the IAI Directorate has signed a small-scale funding agreement with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to support *the IAI-UNEP/GAN-EPIC-N Project to Establish the Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities (EPIC) Network in Latin America and the Caribbean: Phase I*. EPIC-N works to connect the human capital of universities with local governments, and communities through the application of the [EPIC Model](#) to collaboratively address sustainability challenges.

UNEP Global Adaptation Network (GAN) has worked in close collaboration with EPIC-N for several years to present the EPIC training model in several regions of the world, particularly Africa, Asia and now Latin America and the Caribbean with the IAI as the executing agency. In addition to EPIC-N, UNEP-GAN, and the IAI Directorate, the Project Steering Committee also includes ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability.

Following a competitive selection process, a team of consultants has been selected for Phase I of the project which is to conduct the preliminary scoping work to present the EPIC Model in 4 LAC target regions and one country: Central America, the Caribbean, the Andes, the Southern Cone, and Brazil. The 4 consultants are nationals from IAI Parties, namely, Argentina, Mexico, Peru, and the United States. Phase I of the project will map interested universities, cities and organizations and develop a strategy and recommendations for cultures and contexts of LAC to inform the official launch of the EPIC LAC network and training workshops in Phase II.

To learn more about the project refer to: <https://www.epicn.org/> and https://www.iai.int/administrador/assets/images/ckfinder/files/ToRs%20-%20EPIC%20UNEP%20IAI%20Consultancy_Final_ENG.pdf

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'.

Dr. Marcos Regis da Silva
Executive Director