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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Invitation to participate in the First Funders Scoping Workshop for the Collaborative Research Action (CRA) on The Amazon and tropical forests

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Conference of the Parties, at its 27th meeting (CoP-27, Brasilia, 2019) adopted Decision XXVII/16 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 and the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) are collaborating in the implementation of a new initiative on the theme *The Amazon and tropical forests: its global implications and needed urgent actions*. The draft concept note is available [HERE](#).

This new initiative was presented and approved as a Collaborative Research Action (CRA) at the last Belmont Forum Plenary which was held from 21 to 22 June 2022 in Pretoria, South Africa and via videoconferencing. The IAI Directorate would welcome IAI Parties and other funding organizations to participate in the development of this CRA during the scoping process.

This CRA will explore the integration of knowledge towards the sustainability of the Amazon region and other tropical forests, and its functions, including the socio-economic and environmental processes. It will aim to identify and help to implement measures to sustain and conserve the livelihoods of indigenous peoples and local communities in the region. It will also explore questions related to environmental justice and the environmental governance frameworks that protect the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities whose traditional lifestyles are relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.

The IAI Directorate and the Belmont Forum, are pleased to invite you to a **Funders Scoping Workshop** scheduled for **7 October 2022 at 08:30 am (UYT)**. The aim of the workshop is to begin mapping the funding priorities to be addressed by this CRA. Participants could include: national science funding agencies, other science funding bodies/organizations, and policymakers interested in the topic. The scoping meeting is an opportunity to ensure that this

CRA aligns with regional needs and science funding priorities. Future scoping workshops will be held with the scientific community and civil society.

Those organizations wishing to participate in the workshop can join via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82339936089> (ID: 823 3993 6089).

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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