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## NOTIFICATION

**Subject: The Science Diplomacy Center Side Event at the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the IAI Conference of the Parties, 21 June 2023, 17:00-18:30 in Panama City, Panama**

Dear Madam, Sir,

The IAI Directorate is pleased to invite national representatives and observers attending the 31st meeting of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) Conference of the Parties to a science diplomacy side event to be held on 21 June 2023 at 17:00-18:30.

The objectives of this event are to present the vision, mission, and goals of the IAI's recently launched Science Diplomacy Center (SDC), discuss regional case studies on science diplomacy, identify needs in capacity building and processes related to science-policy, and explore how the Center can best support national and regional priorities as identified by Parties.

The Science Diplomacy Center is a regional initiative to foster science-policy dialogue and collaboration for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable Americas. In the context of the IAI, science-diplomacy is grounded in the pursuit of scientific excellence, international cooperation, and the open exchange of scientific information relevant to global change to support policy and decision-making for the benefit of society. At the 30th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) the following decisions on science diplomacy were adopted:

*XXX/8. The Parties are encouraged to participate in the training and education activities of the IAI Center for Science Diplomacy as lecturers or instructors with a view to providing participants with experience in and knowledge about the science-to-policy interface related to global environmental change.*

*XXX/9. The Directorate is instructed to establish a steering committee, with the participation of Parties, the SAC and the SPAC, Associates, and experts on science diplomacy, to assist in and advise on the design and development of the IAI Center for Science Diplomacy and its programs and activities.*

The [SDC Advisory Board](#) has made recommendations on the possible design and development of the Center's flagship programs and activities, including relevant content and training materials for enhancing science diplomacy capacities in the region, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Directorate is pleased to invite national representatives, members of the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee,

and observers to participate in the side event and engage in discussions related to the design of the initial activities of the Center.

Please register [here](#) and further details will be shared prior to the event.

Thank you for your support of the IAI.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Director