



INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

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NOTIFICATION

Subject: New collaborations established with the IAI

Dear Madam, Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the IAI Directorate recently signed collaboration agreements to strengthen cooperation with the following regional organizations and IAI Associates:

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Foundation for Research and Innovation of the State of Santa Catarina, Brazil (FAPESC) to collaborate in activities related to science, technology and innovation, and exchange knowledge and experiences in programs that contribute to the advancement of knowledge, regional balance, sustainable economic development, and the improvement of quality of life, particularly in the areas of interdisciplinary research, capacity building, and science-policy interface on global environmental change and its impacts on human well-being and all life systems.
- MoU with the Agricultural Council of Central America (CAC) of Central America Integration System (SICA) to develop capacity building and science and technology activities in areas of common interest related to food systems and climate action, agricultural biodiversity and nutrition, multifunctional landscapes, alimentary environments and consumption, towards healthy diets and the digital inclusion in the agriculture, and support in the design and implementation processes of regional policies.
- MoU with the Uruguayan National Agency of Research and Innovation (ANII) to promote collaboration by developing activities related to science, technology and innovation in areas of common interest.
- Framework Agreement with the Pan American Health Organization, Regional Office of the World Health Organization (PAHO) to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation, particularly with regard to the nexus of climate, environment, and health
- A Declaration of Interest (DoI) with the United Nations Development Coordination Office in Latin America and the Caribbean (DCO-LAC) to support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda by facilitating technical and scientific cooperation, promoting the co-production and use of transdisciplinary science on global change processes in support of policies and actions to implement the SDGs.

In support of the Decisions XXXI/12 and XXXI/13¹, adopted by CoP-31:

¹ See: <https://www.iai.int/en/cop-decisions>

XXXI/12: .. *the IAI Directorate is tasked with drafting an invitation to the University of the West Indies to become an Associate of the Institute and preparing an Agreement of Association.* “

XXXI/13: “...*the IAI Directorate is tasked with drafting an invitation to the Centro de Investigación para el Cambio Global (CICAG) to become an Associate of the Institute and preparing an Agreement of Association.*”

The IAI Directorate sent invitations to UWI and CICAG to become Associates of the Institute and MoUs were signed with both institutions:

- The MoU with the University of West Indies focuses on enhancing collaboration and information exchange on activities and initiatives on health, climate change, indigenous peoples and local communities, biodiversity and ecosystems, and other topics related to transdisciplinary science, science diplomacy, global change, and sustainable development.
- The MoU with the Research Center for Global Change (CICAG) of the Exact and Natural Science School (FACEN) of the National University of Asunción focuses on enhancing collaboration and information exchange on science transdisciplinary activities and initiatives related to environment, health, climate change, indigenous peoples and local communities, environmental contamination, biodiversity, and ecosystems.

The IAI Directorate anticipates that these new partnerships will provide IAI Parties with greater ability to meet the objectives of the *Agreement Establishing the IAI* by facilitating the collaborative development and implementation of activities that strengthen scientific cooperation, science and policy capacities, and the exchange of information in the Americas.

The full text of these agreements are available at:
https://www.iai.int/en/structure/institutional_documents.

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

Yours sincerely,



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