Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research

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N O T I F I C A T I O N

Subject: IAI Accreditation Process with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and Related Governance Documents

Dear Madam or Sir:

On behalf of the IAI Directorate, I am writing to inform you that the Institute intends to seek accreditation with the **Green Climate Fund (GCF)** and plans to submit its accreditation application in **December 2026**. This notification outlines the preparation and review of the related governance documents and requests your assistance in obtaining a Letter of Support from your country's GCF National Designated Authority or Focal Point.

This initiative is aligned with the longstanding interest of the Parties in strengthening the IAI's capacity to mobilize resources and expand support for science-based action on climate change and sustainable development throughout the Americas. Accreditation with the GCF would position the IAI to access new financing opportunities in support of its Parties, scientific community, and regional cooperation projects and activities.

As part of the accreditation process, the IAI is required to demonstrate that it has in place a number of policies, procedures, and institutional safeguards consistent with international best practices. In this regard, the Directorate is preparing several governance and policy documents addressing, among other areas:

- Financial management and fiduciary standards;
- Environmental and social safeguards;
- Gender and inclusion considerations;
- Ethics and integrity;
- Risk management and accountability mechanisms; and
- Other institutional requirements associated with GCF accreditation.

These efforts also respond directly to previous guidance and recommendations of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) and the Executive Council (EC) to continue strengthening the Institute's governance framework and institutional management capacities.

The Directorate intends to submit the proposed policies and related documents for approval at the Executive Council meeting scheduled for 3 December 2026. In accordance with established practice, draft versions will be made available to the Parties at least thirty (30) days before that meeting for review and consideration. Adoption of these documents is an important prerequisite for submitting the IAI's accreditation application to the GCF.

The Directorate would also like to emphasize the strategic importance of this initiative for the sustainability of the Institute. Accreditation would contribute significantly to the IAI's ability to secure funding for climate-related projects, climate financing, science-policy-diplomacy cooperation activities, capacity development initiatives, and institutional strengthening. It therefore represents a key element in ensuring the financial sustainability of the IAI in the short, medium, and long term.

We respectfully request your assistance in contacting your country's Green Climate Fund National Designated Authority (NDA) or Focal Point and facilitating the issuance of a Letter of Support by that authority. Two model letters are attached for the authority's consideration.

See GCF website with designated focal points:
https://www.greenclimate.fund/partners/national-designated-authorities/all

Please note that GCF National Designated Authorities/Focal Points are typically located within Ministries of Finance, Planning, Environment, or equivalent government entities. While in a limited number of countries the GCF and IAI focal point functions may be held by the same individual or institution, this seems to be currently the case of Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic (the Directorate will be contacting these representatives for a different letter of support), while in most cases the designated authorities are assigned to different government representatives.

In the coming weeks, the Directorate will contact each Party individually to discuss the accreditation process and proposed governance documents before their consideration by the Executive Council. These consultations will provide an opportunity to answer questions and, if useful, organize virtual meetings with the relevant national authorities. We thank you for your continued support of the Institute and look forward to working closely with all Parties on this important strategic initiative.

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

Sincerely,

Omar López
Acting Executive Director

Annex: Model Letters of Support from Green Climate Fund National Designated Authority/Focal Point.