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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Invitation to participate in the Belmont Forum Scoping Workshop: Pathways to the SDGs held on the margins to CoP-27

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am writing in regard to Decision XXVI/23 and XXVI/25, adopted at the 26th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Antigua, Guatemala, 2018, which instructs the IAI Directorate and the IAI Parties *to gather information on the Parties' national priorities on science and science-policy, especially in the context of international environmental frameworks such as the SDGs [...]*.

In support of these Decisions, I am pleased to inform you that the IAI Directorate is co-hosting with the Belmont Forum a Scoping Workshop for the Collaborative Research Action on Pathways to the SDGs, to be held 2 June 2019 in Brasilia, Brazil.

During this scoping workshop, the IAI Directorate and the Belmont Forum seek to bring together funding agencies and mechanisms, researchers, and experts to understand the potential priorities for research on the SDGs development pathways. The desired outcome of the workshop is to identify and understand national priorities on research needed to achieve the SDGs. This engagement can help directly gauge national readiness to address these research challenges; identify the need for further networking and community building; provide a very important regional perspective; and, encourage collaboration among potential donors in support of their national scientific communities.

Accordingly, the IAI Directorate invites the Parties to review the attached framework document and agenda for the Pathways to the SDGs Scoping Workshop and to confirm their participation by completing the *Save the Date* RSVP online.

Please contact Ms. Susanna Ehlers, Science-Policy Program Officer, at sehlers@dir.iai.int should you require additional information.

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

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Director