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**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE  
INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL  
CHANGE RESEARCH**

**Forty-fifth meeting  
Antigua, Guatemala, 19 June 2018**

**Report of the 45th meeting of the IAI Executive Council**

1. This document has been prepared by the IAI Directorate.

Introduction

2. The Executive Council to the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research held its forty-fifth (EC-45) meeting in Antigua, Guatemala, on 19 June 2018.
3. It adopted two decisions and five recommendations. These decisions and recommendations are provided in section I of the report.
4. The account of the proceedings and discussions of the meeting is provided in section II of the report.

Section I

Decisions and recommendations adopted by the Executive Council at its forty-fifth meeting

Decisions and recommendations

**Decisions and recommendations made at the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IAI Executive Council**

## ***Science -Policy Advisory Committee***

### **Approval of the Reports of the 43rd and 44th meetings of the EC**

XLV/1. The Executive Council approved the reports of its 43<sup>rd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> meetings

### **Establishment of a committee to recommend candidates for the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) elections, on the second day of CoP-26**

XLV/2. Invites the Conference of the Parties to establish a committee to recommend candidates for the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) elections, on the second day of CoP-26

### **Establishment of a committee to recommend candidates for the Science-Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) elections, on the second day of CoP-26**

#### ***Directed to the Conference of the Parties***

XLV/3. Invites the Conference of the Parties to direct the Executive Council and the Rules of Procedure Committee, with the support of the IAI Directorate, to draft rules of procedure for election of the Science-Policy Advisory Committee for consideration at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties

XLV/4. Invites the Conference of the Parties to direct the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee to hold its meetings, physical and virtual, jointly

XLV/5. Invites the Conference of the Parties to consider the re-scheduling elections to the Science-Policy Advisory Committee to its twenty-seventh meeting

### **Financial and Administrative Committee report**

#### **Directed to the Conference of the Parties**

XLV/6. Invites the Conference of the Parties to approve the Financial and Administrative Committee report

### **Auditors Report and approval of Financial Status Report, Financial items to be forwarded to the CoP-26**

#### ***Directed to the Conference of the Parties***

XLV/7. Invites the Conference of the Parties to approve the auditors' report and the financial status

XLV/8. Invites the Conference of the Parties to approve the Core Budget and Country Contributions for FY 2018-2019 and to consider the Preliminary request 2019-2021

***Directed to the Conference of the Parties***

**IAI Strategic Plan**

XLV/9. Invites the Conference of the Parties to direct the Directorate, in collaboration with the Science Advisory Committee, the Science-Policy Advisory Committee and interested Parties, to draft a new IAI Strategic Plan

**Approval of the items to be forwarded to the CoP-26**

***Directed to the Executive Council***

XLV/10. The Executive Council approved the Decisions and Recommendations for forwarding to CoP-26.

Section II

Proceedings of the Meeting

Introduction

5. In accordance with *the Agreement establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research*, Article VI, *The Executive Council*, paragraph 3, the 45th meeting of the Executive Council to Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research was held in Antigua, Guatemala on 19 June 2018.
6. This meeting is being held back-to-back with the 26th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP-26, Antigua, Guatemala, 2018) in accordance to Article VI, paragraph 3 of the *Agreement establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research* and Decision XXV/19: *Joint SAC, SPAC and EC-CoP meetings*.
7. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Maria Uhle from the United States of America.
8. The Science-Policy Workshop was chaired by the Chair of the SAC and the Chair of the SPAC.

9. The following Parties to the Agreement with membership in the Executive Council attended: Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Panama, and United States. Non-EC Parties present as observers were Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru, and Uruguay.
10. The list of observers is provided in the List of participants which is attached as an Annex to this document.

Morning session

Opening of the meeting

Welcome by representative of Guatemala

11. The representative of Guatemala extended a warm welcome to the participants of the week's meetings and hoped for four days of fruitful exchange of information, collaborative work, and shared understanding. Guatemala also expressed its gratitude for the opportunity to host the 26th meeting of the Conference of Parties to the IAI.

Welcome by the Executive Council Chair

12. The Chair of the Executive Council expressed its thanks to Guatemala for hosting the meeting and its warm hospitality and was thankful to Party representatives in attendance, delegates from the SAC and SPAC and from the two sister organizations. She also expressed her support for the 2nd Science-Policy workshop which would assist the IAI in enhancing its role in the provision of scientific information to policy makers and stakeholders.

Agenda item 1: Approval of the agenda

13. The Chair invited members of the Executive Council to approve the agenda.
14. The Agenda was approved by consensus.

Science-Policy Workshop

15. Following the approval of the agenda, the Chair opened the 2nd Science-Policy Workshop.

16. The report of the 2nd Science-Policy Workshop is available as document no. IAI/COP26/SPW/FNRPT<sup>1</sup>

Afternoon session

Agenda item 2: Approval of the Reports of the 43rd and 44th meetings of the Executive Council

17. The Chair invited members of the Executive Council to approve the reports of the 43rd and 44th meetings of the Executive Council.

18. The reports were approved by Consensus.

Agenda item 3: Establishment of a committee to recommend candidates for the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) elections, on the second day of CoP-26

19. The Chair introduced the agenda item and invited members of the Executive Council to participate in or to make recommendations for participation in the Committee to recommend candidates for the SAC. There were two vacancies for representatives to the SAC with five candidates.

20. During the ensuing discussion the following the presentation on SAC elections, comments were made by Brazil, the Chair of the Standing Committee for Rules and Procedures, and the IAI Executive Director.

21. During the discussion, the SAC Chair announced that he was up for re-election and thus was not in a position to provide input to the EC on the SAC elections. Another member of the SAC would provide SAC input on the Chair's behalf.

22. The EC Chair asked for volunteers to serve on a Committee to recommend SAC members. The Committee would be established during the CoP-26.

Agenda item 4: Establishment of a committee to recommend candidates for the Science-Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) elections, on the second day of CoP-26

23. The Chair introduced the agenda item and invited members of the Executive Council to discuss the SPAC elections. The Chair informed participants, on behalf of the Chair of the SAC and the Chair of the SPAC, that the SAC and SPAC would recommend to CoP-26 the postponement of elections of members to the SPAC until such a time that rules of procedure guiding the election of members could be drafted and adopted by the CoP.

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<sup>1</sup> Report of the 2nd Science-Policy Workshop of the IAI: <http://www.iai.int/wp-content/uploads/iai-cop26-spw-fnrpt-e.pdf>

24. During the ensuing discussion following the presentation regarding SPAC elections, comments were made by Brazil, the Chair of the Standing Committee for Rules and Procedures, the IAI Executive Director, and the EC Chair.
25. A Party suggested that the SPAC hold elections and continue to function as previously without formal rules until the adoption of rules of procedure by the CoP. It was agreed that the CoP would be better served by the SPAC if it functioned according to formal rules.
26. After this discussion, the EC decided to recommend to the Conference of the Parties to direct the Executive Council and the Rules of Procedure Committee, with the support of the IAI Directorate, to draft rules of procedure for election of the Science-Policy Advisory Committee for consideration at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP-27). Elections to the SPAC would be postponed until adoption of the rules of procedure by CoP-27.
27. The Chair closed this agenda item by thanking the members of the SAC and SPAC for their advice.

#### Agenda item 5: Report of the Executive Council

- a. Activities charged to the EC and its Bureau
- b. Activities, actions and decisions of the EC Bureau or its members

28. Agenda item 5 was introduced by the Chair who began her presentation by thanking members for their support to activities achieved during the intersessional period.
29. The Chair summarized the main points in the report and invited members of the EC to review the report again. She concluded by inviting questions or comments on the report.
30. Members of the EC took note of the report.

#### Agenda item 6: Financial and Administrative Committee report

31. The Chair thanked the Chair of the Financial and Administrative Committee (FAC) for his work during the intersessional period and for the submission of the Committee's report.
32. She concluded by inviting members of the Executive Council to consider the FAC's recommendation regarding the IAIs core budget request.
33. The IAI Directorate presented the Financial and Administrative Committee Report, document no. IAI/EC/45/6.
34. During the ensuing discussion, comments on the IAI's core budget request were made by the Executive Council members Brazil and Panama; and also the SAC Chair, the EC Chair and the IAI Directorate.

35. The IAI Executive Director explained that the purchasing power of the dollar has decreased considerably since 1992. Given that many Parties have not had their contributions increased since 1992, the core budget has decreased accordingly. The current contribution from some of the Parties was not sustainable. He continued by expressing his hope that Parties would consider the possibility of increasing their contributions to the core budget and consider extra-budgetary contributions in support of the scientific and capacity building activities of the IAI.
36. He concluded by stating that the IAI Directorate was working to develop partnerships and increase alternate funding opportunities.
37. Document IAI/EC/45/7 page 6 lists the core budget contributions of the Parties as of April 2018.
38. On conclusion of discussion, the EC decided to forward the recommendation to approve the core budget request to CoP-26. However, there was consensus that the time was not appropriate to recommend an increase to contributions from Parties and that the IAI Directorate should raise the issue of contributions with Parties during the intersessional period.

Agenda item 7: Auditors Report and approval of Financial Status Report. Financial items to be forwarded to the CoP-26

39. In her opening of agenda item 7, the Chair noted that the Report of the FAC stated that the Auditors' report covering fiscal year 2016-17 gave an unqualified opinion that the IAI's financial statement presented fairly in all material respects the financial position of the IAI and that Staff are commended for again receiving an unqualified audit opinion.
40. Following her presentation, she invited members of the Executive Council to approve the financial status report and the Auditors' report.
41. The Executive Council approved the Auditors' report and the Financial Status report.
42. The Chair then invited members to consider financial items to be forwarded to CoP-26 for discussion.
43. The Chair closed this agenda item.

Agenda item 8: Approval of items to be forwarded to CoP-26

44. The Chair opened agenda item 8 by inviting members to consider approval of items to be forwarded to CoP-26.
45. Members of the Executive Council approved the items to be forwarded to CoP-26.

Closing remarks and closure of the meeting

46. The Chair invited members to make closing remarks.
47. There were no closing remarks.
48. The meeting was closed by the Chair on 19 June 2018 at 6:30 PM.



Annex

List of participants

**45th Meeting of the IAI Executive Council**

**Antigua, Guatemala**

**19 June 2018 / 19 de junio de 2018**

<p><b>List of Participants</b> <b>Lista de Participantes</b></p>
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