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INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

**Decisions of the 27th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the
Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research
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CORE BUDGET

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXVII/1. The Conference of the Parties accepts and approves the Core Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the preliminary request for fiscal years 2020-2022.

POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXVII/2. The Conference of the Parties extends the term of the Executive Director per Article VIII, paragraph 4 of the Agreement for a single additional term.

SCIENCE POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE SCIENCE POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXVII/3. The Conference of the Parties adopts the Rules of Procedure for the Science Policy Advisory Committee.

THE IAI SCIENTIFIC AGENDA

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXVII/4. The Conference of the Parties adopts the revised IAI Scientific Agenda.

XXVII/5. The Science Advisory Committee and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee are instructed to further revise and update the IAI Scientific Agenda in line with the IAI Strategic Plan to better reflect transdisciplinary research and science with special attention to human issues and systems.

IAI CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXVII/6. The Conference of the Parties adopts the revisions to the *IAI Conflicts of Interest and Standards of Ethical Conduct*.

ASSOCIATES OF THE INSTITUTE

Directed to the IAI Directorate, the Science Advisory Committee and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee

XXVII/7. The IAI Directorate is instructed to work with the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Science Policy Advisory Committee and review implementation of Articles IX, X and XI of the Agreement with a view to recommending a process to increase the number of Institute Research Centers and Affiliated Research Institutions for consideration at the 28th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

INVITATION TO BECOME AN ASSOCIATE OF THE INSTITUTE

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XXVII/8. The Conference of the Parties invites the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute in Colombia to become an Associate of the Institute.

XXVII/9. The Conference of the Parties invites the Estación Científica COIBA AIP in Panama to become an Associate of the Institute.

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVII/10. On behalf of the Conference of the Parties, the IAI Directorate is tasked with drafting an invitation to the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute to become an Associate of the Institute and to prepare an Agreement of Association.

XXVII/11. On behalf of the Conference of the Parties, the IAI Directorate is instructed to draft an invitation to the Estación Científica COIBA AIP to become an Associate of the Institute and to prepare an Agreement of Association.

IAI STRATEGIC PLAN

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXVII/12. The Conference of the Parties adopts the IAI Strategic Plan.

Directed to the IAI Directorate, the Science Advisory Committee and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee

XXVII/13. The IAI Directorate, in collaboration with the Scientific Advisory Committee, the Science-Policy Advisory Committee and interested Parties, is instructed to review and adjust the IAI Strategic Plan at minimum every three years and to present its review for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

XXVII/14. The IAI Directorate, in collaboration with the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee, Associates and other partners, is instructed to report on implementation of the IAI Strategic Plan at each Conference of the Parties.

SCIENCE

FOURTH ROUND OF COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH NETWORKS

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XXVII/15. Parties are invited to work with the IAI Directorate in an effort to harmonize the upcoming fourth round of Collaborative Research Networks (CRN4) with their national priorities and plans, as appropriate.

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVII/16. The IAI Directorate is instructed to continue exploring alignment of CRN4 with the Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action (CRA), especially in light of efforts to develop a flexible funding mechanism for the Americas.

TRANSDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

Directed to the IAI Directorate, the Science Advisory Committee and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee

XXVII/17. The IAI Directorate is directed to continue working in collaboration with the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Science Policy Advisory Committee on the design and implementation of transdisciplinary research on aspects of global change related to the sciences of the earth, ocean, atmosphere, the environment and the social sciences in alignment with the IAI Strategic Plan.

CAPACITY BUILDING

IAI SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY (STEP) FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVII/18. The IAI Directorate is instructed to implement the IAI Science and Technology Policy (STeP) Fellowships Program, subject to the availability of external financial resources.

THE IAI RESEARCH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AND PRACTICAL TRAINING PROGRAM

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVII/19. The IAI Directorate is instructed to invite IAI Parties to participate in a new iteration of the IAI Research Internship Program and Practical Training Program. Parties will be invited to nominate national institutions, or endorse institutions identified by the Directorate, to serve as research and/or policy host organizations and report back at the 28th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, subject to the availability of external financial resources.

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SEED GRANT PROGRAMS

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVII/20. The IAI Directorate is instructed to develop future Seed Grant Programs associated with the Professional Development Seminars that foster the development of transdisciplinary research teams and encourage the participation of scientists and professionals from IAI Parties, subject to the availability of external financial resources.

GLOBAL OUTREACH AND COOPERATION

GREEN CLIMATE FUND

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVII/21. The IAI Directorate is directed to continue to explore collaboration with the Green Climate Fund Secretariat, to act as a Readiness Delivery Partner in Latin America.

GERMAN FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVII/22. The IAI Directorate is directed to identify viable avenues to engage Parties in partnership with the Initiative by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) of Germany to strengthen cooperation across countries and continents on issues of climate change.

SCIENCE-POLICY

Directed to the Parties

XXVII/23. The Parties are invited to establish a process or mechanism by which the IAI focal point would be able to present the outcomes and results of IAI scientific projects to decision makers for the development of public policy relevant to global change.

XXVII/24. The Parties are invited to help the IAI Directorate to identify the priority areas and research needs for policy and decision making related to global change.

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XXVII/25. The IAI Directorate is instructed to establish a mechanism to inform Parties, through their focal points, of outcomes and results of IAI scientific projects that may assist in the development of public policy relevant to global change.

XXVII/26. The IAI Directorate is instructed to assist the Parties in identifying priority areas and research needs for policy and decision making, as appropriate, related to global change and wherever possible, use this when designing and implementing its science program.

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

SPECIAL ISSUE ON THE IAI IN A PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL

Directed to the Parties

XXVII/27. Parties are invited to consider contributing financial resources, as appropriate, to ensure publication of a special issue on the IAI in a peer reviewed journal.

Directed to the IAI Directorate, the Science Advisory Committee and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee

XXVII/28. The IAI Directorate is instructed to continue working jointly with the Science Advisory Committee (SAC), the Science Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) and CRN3 researchers on the publication of a Special issue on the IAI in a peer reviewed journal.

XXVII/29. The IAI Science Advisory Committee (SAC) and the Science Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) are instructed to collaborate with the Directorate on the publication of a special issue on the IAI in a peer reviewed journal, by acting as guest editors, reviewers, and/or any other function that contributes to the publication of the Special issue.

FUND RAISING

ESTABLISHMENT OF A FLEXIBLE FUNDING MECHANISM FOR THE AMERICAS

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVII/30. The IAI Directorate is instructed to inform and, when appropriate, involve the Executive Council in work related to the establishment of a flexible funding mechanism for the Americas.

XXVII/31. The IAI Directorate is instructed to inform on and, when appropriate, to involve the Executive Council in joint activities with the Belmont Forum, in particular efforts to

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establish a flexible mechanism to facilitate the funding of scientific projects on global change in the Americas.

ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO MEET WITH NATIONAL FUNDING AGENCIES

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXVII/32. The Conference of the Parties is invited to establish a task force to meet with national funding agencies to encourage and to ensure support to IAI science and capacity building programs, activities and projects.

DATA AND INFORMATION

OPEN DATA

Directed to Parties

XXVII/33. Parties are invited to support, as appropriate and in accordance to national legislation, the project on a Collaborative South-South regional approach to the promotion of and adherence to open data and open science.

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXVII/34. The IAI Directorate is instructed to strengthen its collaboration with the Committee on Data of the Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA), the International Council for Science (ICS) and the African Academy of Science (AAS) to ensure development and implementation of a Collaborative South-South regional approach to the promotion of and adherence to open data and open science.

XXVII/35. The IAI Directorate is instructed to communicate with scientists and researchers in the Americas and encourage them to register metadata and data on the IAI open data portal related to results of their research on global change.

XXVII/36. The Directorate is instructed to establish partnerships with relevant organizations to eliminate duplication of work and to increase access to open data.

ELECTIONS

ELECTION OF SPAC MEMBERS

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XXVII/37. The Conference of the Parties invites current SPAC members and members whose terms are expiring to continue their participation in the Committee until elections may be held.

XXVII/38. The Conference of the Parties agrees to reschedule elections for membership to the Science-Policy Advisory Committee to its twenty-eighth meeting.