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**CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE
INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL
CHANGE RESEARCH
Thirtieth meeting
Montevideo and Videoconference
14-15 June 2022**

**Report of the 30th meeting of the Conference to the Parties to the
Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research**

1. This document has been prepared by the IAI Directorate.
2. The Conference of the Parties to the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research held its Thirtieth meeting (CoP-30) in Montevideo, Uruguay and via videoconferencing on 14-15 June 2022.
3. The account of the proceedings and discussions of the meeting are provided in section I of the report.
4. The meeting adopted 10 Decisions, and these are provided in section II of this report.

Section I

Proceedings of the Meeting

Introduction

5. In accordance with *the Agreement establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research*, Article V, *The Conference of the Parties*, paragraph 3, the 30th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research was held in Montevideo, Uruguay and via videoconferencing on 14 to 15 June 2022.

6. Parties and the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and Chair of the Science-Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) were invited to attend. The following Parties to the Agreement attended the meeting: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay (in-person), Peru, United States of America and Uruguay (in-person). The Chairs of the SAC and the SPAC attended the meeting in person.
7. The list of participants, including observers, is available on the IAI website at: <https://www.iai.int/administrador/assets/images/ckfinder/files/CoP%2030%20List%20of%20Participants.pdf>

Opening of the Meeting

8. On Tuesday, 14 June 2022, Mr. Matias Paolino, Subdirector, Dirección de Medio Ambiente, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Uruguay, gave opening remarks at the meeting. He spoke on the relevance to Uruguay of the many IAI's scientific projects and activities. He also reiterated Uruguay's strong support for the IAI. He concluded by wishing everyone a successful meeting.
9. Dr Maria Uhle, United States, the Chair of the Executive Council, opened the meeting and welcomed delegates. She referred to the IAI's success in the design and implementation of transdisciplinary research. She also spoke on the success of the Science, Technology, Policy (STeP) Fellowship Program noting, in particular, the strong support by Parties in the implementation of activities.
10. The Chair noted that the IAI continues to excel in the design and implementation of transdisciplinary research. She referred to efforts by the Directorate to secure external funding to support its many science projects and capacity-building activities.
11. The Chair concluded by thanking Ms. Milagro Mainieri, Panama, the 1st Vice-Chair of the Executive Council for her support of the IAI and invited the IAI Executive Director to make an opening statement.
12. The IAI Executive Director, Dr. Marcos Regis da Silva, thanked the Parties for their support and participation. He noted the continuing challenges in the organization of face-to-face meetings and the need to continue to use videoconferencing systems.
13. He continued by noting the economic and social challenges faced by countries in the region and stressed the need for greater collaboration in the development of transdisciplinary scientific projects and capacity-building activities. He noted, in particular, the important role of open science and open data in the development of transdisciplinary projects and activities.
14. The opening of the meeting was concluded with a round of introductions by participants and agreement by Parties that the Chair of the Executive Council should Chair CoP-30.

Administrative and financial matters

Agenda item 1: Approval of the agenda

15. Following the opening of the meeting, the Chair invited Parties to adopt the provisional agenda to CoP-30 (IAI/COP/30/1).
16. Parties adopted the provisional agenda by consensus.

Agenda item 2: Approval of the *Report of the 29th meeting of the Conference of the Parties*

17. Under this item of the agenda, Parties were invited to approve the *Report of the 29th meeting of the Conference of the Parties* (CoP-29, 2021, Videoconference) (IAI/COP/30/2).
18. Parties approved the *Report* of CoP-29.

Agenda item 3: Standing Committee for Rules and Procedures

19. The Chair requested the IAI Executive Director to introduce this agenda item.
20. In his introduction, the Executive Director stated that no revisions were proposed to the Standing rules of the IAI Conference of the Parties (approved June 2021) during the 2021-2022 intersessional period.
21. Parties were requested to note the Standing rules.

Agenda item 4: Report of the Credentials Committee

22. The Credentials Committee, composed of Panama and Paraguay, informed Parties that CoP-30 achieved quorum with 15 Parties having presented their credentials: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the United States and Uruguay.

Agenda item 5: Financial and budgetary matters

Agenda item 5(a): Annex 1: Overview of the Financial Status for FY 2021-2022; 5(b): Annex 2: Core Budget and Country Contributions for FY 2022-2023; and, Preliminary request 2023-2025, 5(c): Annex 3: Auditors report

23. The IAI Directorate was invited by the Chair to provide an overview of the financial status for the financial year 2021-2022, a summary of the proposal for the core budget and country contributions for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and the preliminary request for 2023-2025. She concluded by noting the Executive Council's recommendation to the Conference of the Parties to approve the decisions related to these agenda items.
24. The Executive Director began by noting that documentation on this agenda item had been reviewed by the Financial and Administrative Committee (FAC) who forwarded its recommendation of approval to the IAI Executive Council. The IAI Executive Council forwarded its recommendation for approval to CoP-30.

25. The IAI Executive Director stated that the non-submission of voluntary contributions by Parties continues to place a serious strain on the ability of the IAI Directorate to meet its work plan and responsibilities. He reiterated that this situation is unsustainable in the long term. He informed Parties that the IAI Directorate makes greater use of consulting services as opposed to filling vacant posts.
26. In his concluding remarks, he invited the IAI Administration, Finance, and Operations Officer to present the Core Budget and country contributions for FY 2022-2023 and the Preliminary request for 2023-2025.
27. In her presentation, the IAI Administration, Finance, and Operations Officer suggested that similar to the recommendations made during CoP-29 (2021, Videoconference) and in light of the continuing and challenging economic and social situation faced by many Parties as a result of Covid-19, no changes were made to the Core Budget and country contributions for FY 2022-2023 and to the Preliminary request 2023-2025.
28. She informed Parties that the Directorate continues to make efforts to reduce costs and have some made savings during the 2021-2022 fiscal year due to reduced travel resulting from the pandemic. However, these savings have not offset the lack of non-submission of voluntary contributions by Parties.
29. She highlighted the positive conclusion of the *Report of the auditors (IAI/COP/30/5c)*. She also noted the statement by the Financial and Administrative ad hoc Committee on the need for Parties to submit their voluntary contributions: *As an international organization, the IAI relies on the voluntary contributions of its members to support day-to-day operations and oversee research activities. The world situation regarding COVID-19 has stressed many member nations, but without the sustained support of the IAI through the contributions of all members, the long-term health of IAI is threatened* (see document IAI/COP/30/5d).
30. The Conference of the Parties adopted the draft decision contained in the annex to document *Financial and budgetary matters Annex 2: Core budget and country contributions for FY 2022-2023 and preliminary request 2023-2025*, no. IAI/COP/30/5b.
31. The Conference of the Parties also adopted the draft decision contained in the annex to document *Auditors report*, no. IAI/COP/30/5c.
32. In final remarks on this agenda item, the Executive Director stated that the IAI Directorate would be working with the Executive Council and the Financial and Administrative Committee in the drafting of budget options, including options to increase country contributions, for consideration at the 31st meeting of the Conference of the Parties. He concluded by thanking Parties for their support.

Agenda item 6: Report of the Executive Council

Agenda item 6a: Decision XXVIII/4: Annual performance evaluation of the IAI Executive Director.

33. The Chair requested that agenda item 6a be discussed as the last item in her report. The Parties agreed by consensus to this request.

Agenda item 6b: Article VIII, Paragraph 4 of the Agreement: Recruitment for the post of Executive Director

34. In her introduction to agenda item 6b, the Chair referred to Article VIII, paragraph 4 which states that the Executive Director is recruited for a three-year term with eligibility for a single additional term. She continued by noting that the current Executive Director is entering the final year of his second term. Accordingly, he cannot be elected for another additional term.
35. Noting the need to begin the recruitment for the new Executive Director during the 2022-2023 intersessional period, the Chair summarized the timelines presented in document IAI/COP/30/6/b and the draft decision found in the Annex to said document.
36. The Chair concluded by recommending the adoption of the draft decision.
37. In the ensuing discussion, there was consensus that candidates to the post of Executive Director must be nationals from IAI Parties.
38. The Conference of the Parties adopted the draft decision contained in the annex to document *Article VIII, Paragraph 4 of the Agreement: Recruitment for the post of Executive Director* , no. IAI/COP/30/6b.

Agenda item 6c: Decision XXIX/9: Report on Initiative for conducting a national climate assessment in support of adaptation and mitigation: Training and capacity building in Latin America and the Caribbean

39. The Chair introduced agenda item 6c by recalling Decision XXIX/9 which approved the establishment of a working group to develop and implement activities under this Initiative. She thanked Parties and the member of the SAC participating in the Initiative and described the meetings held to date. She explained that the aim of the Initiative is to establish partnerships in the Americas to enhance countries' capacity to conduct national climate assessments to support the development of national adaptation and mitigation strategies.
40. She continued by describing the role of other partners in the Initiative and the upcoming meeting of AmeriGEO Week 2022, to be held in Asuncion, Paraguay, from 14 to 19 August 2022, where the Initiative will hold a hybrid side event.
41. She reminded the Parties that participation was open and invited interested Parties to contact her or the IAI Directorate.
42. She concluded by inviting Parties to take note of document IAI/COP/30/6c.

Agenda item 6a (continued): Decision XXVIII/4: Annual performance evaluation of the IAI Executive Director.

43. On her return to this agenda item, the Chair requested that the IAI Executive Director, IAI staff members of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and Science-Policy Advisory

Committee, and observers leave the meeting temporarily during the discussion of the evaluation, with the exception of the IAI Administration, Finance, and Operations Officer.

44. The Chair summarized the discussions during EC-53 under this agenda item and noted Article VI, 4(b) of *the Agreement establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research* which states that the Executive Council shall: *Ensure that the Director implements the policies adopted by the Conference of the Parties.*
45. The Chair informed members that, during the 2021-2022 intersessional period, the IAI Executive Director had consistently exceeded performance expectations. Parties thanked the Chair for her evaluation and invited the Executive Director and IAI staff back to the meeting.
46. The Parties took note of the oral report.

2nd session

The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and the Science Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC)

Agenda item 7: Election of SAC members

47. On the opening of this item by the Chair, the Chairs of the SAC and the SPAC suggested moving this agenda item to the end of the meeting to provide Parties with additional time to evaluate the results from the Committee to Recommend Candidates for the SAC and the candidates' curriculum vitae.
48. The meeting agreed to this suggestion.

Agenda items 8, 9, and 10: Joint Report of the SAC/SPAC; Decision XXIX/8: Recommendations by Parties and the SAC and SPAC on revisions to the Gender Policy on IAI Projects and Activities; and Decision XXIX/12: Recommendations by the Parties and the SAC and SPAC on revisions to the IAI Scientific Agenda

49. The Chair invited the Chairs of the two Committees to present their joint report.
50. The Chairs began by thanking members of the SAC and SPAC for their support of and contributions to the IAI.
51. They continued by summarizing the meetings and activities described in document no. IAI/COP/30/8, the contributions to the revised Gender Policy on IAI Projects and Activities (see document no. IAI/COP/30/9), and the contributions to the revisions to the IAI Scientific Agenda (see document no. IAI/COP/30/10).
52. Activities included: revision of the scientific agenda; alignment of SAC/SPAC activities with the IAI strategic plan; participation in the climate, environment, and health working group; participation in the regional assessment working group; discussions on strategic funding opportunities through Belmont Forum, Wellcome Trust, and other funding mechanisms and donors; selection of STeP fellows, and selection of consulting teams to develop curriculum on science diplomacy and transdisciplinary science for the IAI (under the new NSF grant).

53. Also described were the contributions to science and science policy knowledge dissemination activities hosted by the IAI which are described in document no. IAI/COP/30/8.
54. The Chairs concluded by thanking members of the two advisory committees and recognizing the work of outgoing members and gave the floor to the Chair of the meeting.
55. The Chair noted that in the Annex to document no. IAI/COP/30/9 on the gender policy there were two draft decisions to be adopted. Both decisions were adopted by consensus and are contained in the Annex to this document.
56. Additionally, the Conference of the Parties established a committee, in collaboration with the SAC, SPAC, and Associates and with the support of the IAI Directorate, to develop and implement activities under the Gender, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy for IAI Scientific Projects and Capacity Building Activities and report on achievements at the 31st meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
57. Argentina, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama and the United States joined the Committee. The Belmont Forum requested participation which was granted by the Conference of the Parties. Members of the SAC and SPAC will be invited to participate.
58. With regard to the Annex in document no. IAI/COP/30/10 on revisions to the IAI Scientific Agenda, the Chair noted that it contained one draft decision for the Conference of the Parties consideration. The draft decision was adopted by consensus and is contained in the Annex to this document.

Agenda item 11: IAI Directorate summary report

Agenda item 11a: Science

59. The Chair invited the IAI Science Director to report on Agenda item 11a.
60. The Science Director began her introduction by thanking the Parties and the SAC and the SPAC for their contributions to IAI scientific projects and activities. She referred to document no. IAI/COP/30/11 which provides a summary of IAI science-related activities and projects.
61. She continued by describing the cross-cutting nature of IAI activities and projects and that capacity-building activities, to be described later in this document, are inextricably linked with IAI scientific activities and projects. She also mentioned key regional partners with whom the IAI has worked to align and articulate regional science efforts. She highlighted the recent course that was successfully completed in partnership with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Global Consortium on Climate and Health Education entitled, "Climate and Health Responders for Latin America," and she shared the upcoming training and funding opportunities on transdisciplinary science at the nexus of climate, environment and health.
62. She noted the transdisciplinary nature of the projects and that they were fully aligned with the IAI Strategic vision and Scientific agenda. Efforts to increase IAI collaboration in the Caribbean

region were also described, including several projects on the environment and health, and a new effort to address the impacts of sargassum. In this regard, she emphasized the importance of science communications and efforts to improve communication to the Parties and broader IAI community through the newly launched newsletter, the many webinars and other virtual presentations developed with a view to increasing the understanding of critical issues related to global change.

63. She also spoke on the fruitful partnership with the Belmont Forum and described the Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Actions with IAI participation, including the Migration and Mobility CRA; scoping efforts for the forthcoming Climate, Environment and Health (CEH2) CRA; and the new regional Amazonia CRA with FAPESP.
64. In her concluding remarks, she spoke on efforts to develop and implement new activities, including projects related to equity, diversity, and inclusion. Thanking the Parties and the SAC and SPAC once more, she invited questions from the floor.
65. There were no questions from the floor.

Agenda item 11b: Capacity building

66. The Chair invited the Director of Capacity Building to report on this section of Agenda item 11b.
67. The Director of Capacity building began her presentation by thanking Parties, the SAC and SPAC, Associates and partners for their contributions and participation in activities related to capacity building.
68. She continued by describing the projects and activities contained in document no. IAI/COP/30/11 and noted in particular the success of the Science, Technology, Policy (STeP) Fellowship Program. She invited Parties not currently participating in STeP to contact the Directorate for more information.
69. She also described the establishment of the IAI Science-Diplomacy Center for the Americas and the plans for Party involvement especially as lecturers or experts. She also introduced efforts to create a transdisciplinary, science-policy-advise and diplomacy initiatives, where training would be provided in selected workshops or virtually.
70. She then described the ongoing capacity building and science-policy project proposals noting efforts to secure a diverse base of funding. New proposals currently under development or submitted were also introduced,
71. She concluded that the Annex to document no. IAI/COP/30/11 contained 2 draft decisions and requested that Parties considered their possible adoption.
72. The Chair introduced the decisions and asked Parties if there was consensus in their adoption.
73. The two draft decisions contained in the Annex to document no. IAI/COP/30/11 were adopted by consensus.

Agenda item 11c: Data and information

74. The Chair invited the Executive Director to present this section of the report.
75. The Executive Director presented a brief summary on the use of the different information and communication tools used by Parties and the IAI community. He noted the IAI Open Data Portal continues to grow and that data from new and existing projects are being registered as expected.
76. He also referred to the popularity of the Database of scientific articles generated by IAI-sponsored projects and activities and which offers a useful tool in the development of metrics related to IAI science projects.
77. Finally, he thanked IAI staff for their innovative use of social media to increase awareness of the IAI and to better communicate with Parties and the IAI community.

Agenda item 11d: Report on implementation of the IAI Strategic Plan
11d.1: Annex: Interim report IAI-regional assessment

78. The Chair offered the floor to the Executive Director who in turn requested that the STeP Fellow responsible for coordinating this initiative present agenda item 11d.1.
79. In his presentation of the interim report, the Fellow reminded Parties that Decision XXIX/16, adopted at the 29th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP-29, Videoconference, 2021), directed the Directorate to conduct the Regional Assessment with IAI Parties. The information collected during this first Assessment would be used to better understand how to serve the needs of Parties, to inform the IAI's near-term priorities, and to help the IAI facilitate collaboration among the Parties.
80. He continued by summarizing the contents of document no. IAI/COP/30/11/d/Annex which presented the conceptual and theoretical background to the design of the Regional Assessment, and the methodological approach to its implementation.
81. He concluded his remarks by thanking Parties for their contributions and informing them that they would be invited to participate in virtual subregional listening sessions in July allowing for an in-depth discussion of how to improve the provision of science for decision making. He shared that the results of the assessment would be presented at CoP-31.
82. The Chair invited Parties to take note of the interim report.

Agenda item 11e: IAI 30th year anniversary

83. The Chair offered the floor to the Executive Director to describe public awareness activities related to the IAI's 30th anniversary.

84. In his summary of events, the Executive Director referred to the 30th-anniversary logo together with a series of infographics. He invited Parties to use the logo and to review the infographics in presentations or documents related to the IAI.
85. He continued by describing Twitter threads and videos to mark the creation of the IAI and commemorate past activities, highlighting exemplary projects and stakeholders.
86. Finally, he invited meeting participants to a viewing of the video¹ commemorating this anniversary.
87. On the conclusion of the video, The Chair thanked the Directorate for its efforts and for the production of the video.

Agenda item 7 (continued): Election of SAC and SPAC members

88. In the reopening of this agenda item, the Chair requested the Chairs of the SAC and the SPAC to present the results of the election.
89. In their presentation of this agenda item, the Chairs noted that the current membership of the SAC includes: Dr. Omar Lopez (Chair), Dr. Reynaldo Victoria, Dr. Anahi Urquiza Gómez, Dr. Elena Abraham, Dr. Tereza Cavazos, Dr. Joshua Tewksbury, Dr. Ines Camilloni, Dr. Alexander Turra, Dr. Jean Paul Metzger, Dr. Mercy Borbor and two alternate members: Dr. Michelle Scobie and Dr. Mariana Meerhoff Scaffo.
90. They continued by informing the meeting that two SAC members nominated by the Parties, Dr. Elena Abraham and Dr. Joshua Tewksbury, concluded their second terms. Additionally, one member nominated by the SAC itself, Dr. Reynaldo Victoria, concluded his second term.
91. With regard to the SPAC, current membership includes: Dr. Evelia Rivera-Arriaga (Chair), Dr. Brigitte Baptiste, Dr. Walter Baethgen, Dr. Javier Gracia-Garza, Dr. Karen de Oliveira Silverwood Cope, and Dr. David Smith.
92. Similar to the SAC, two members of the SPAC nominated by the Parties, Dr. Walter Baethgen and Dr. Vaughan Turekian, concluded their terms. Additionally, one member nominated by the SPAC, Dr. Brigitte Baptiste, concluded her term.
93. They concluded by presenting the results of the election as reported by the election committee, composed of representatives from the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Panama, where Dr. Jennifer Silva and Dr. Barry Warner were nominated by the Parties and elected by the Conference of the Parties. Dr. Michelle Scobie was nominated by the SAC and elected by the Conference of the Parties. Dr. Alexandra Mallet was elected as an alternate member.
94. With regard to the SPAC, Dr. Margot Hurlbert was nominated by the Parties and elected by the Conference of the Parties. Dr. Nathalie Flores was nominated by the Parties and was elected as an alternate member by the Conference of the Parties. Dr. Carol Franco, Dr. Maria Amparo Martinez was nominated by the SPAC and elected by the Conference of the Parties.

¹ See: <https://www.iai.int/en/post/detail/institutional-video>

Mr. Jorge Rucks was nominated by the SPAC as an alternate and elected as alternate by the Conference of the Parties.

95. In their final remarks, the Chair and Chairs of the SAC and SPAC thanked the outgoing members for their contributions and participation in the Committees and welcomed the new members to the IAI community.

Agenda item 12: Determination of the time and venue of the next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties

96. The Chair opened this agenda item by inviting Parties to contact the IAI Directorate should they have interest in hosting the 31st meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP-31), assuming travel restrictions have been lifted in the Americas to be held in June 2023.
97. At the conclusion of the Chair's opening remarks, Panama expressed its interest in hosting CoP-31 and EC-55. In its presentation, Panama referred to the many inter-governmental organizations hosted at its City of Knowledge. It also informed participants that it would be hosting the Sustainability Research & Innovation Congress 2023 (SRI2023) in June 2023 in collaboration with the IAI. Hosting the meetings back-to-back may offer IAI national representatives the opportunity to participate in SRI2023 and contribute to the science-to-policy interface in the Americas.
98. Following Panama's offer to host CoP-31, the Chair offered participants the opportunity to comment. Parties and observers applauded Panama's offer and agreed that CoP-31 would be held in Panama in June 2023 and adopted a draft decision in this regard which is contained in the Annex to this document.
99. The Chair and the IAI Directorate thanked Panama for its generous offer and the Chair closed this agenda item.

Closing remarks

100. The Chair thanked Parties for their participation and support of the IAI during a particularly challenging time. She stated that she hoped to meet face-to-face at CoP-31 in Panama.
101. The IAI Executive Director also thanked the Parties for their participation and stated that the IAI Directorate will continue to do its utmost to implement the Agreement and the decisions adopted at this meeting.
102. The meeting was closed on 15 June at 15:30 (UYT).

Section II

Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth meeting.

**Decisions of the 30th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the
Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research
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CORE BUDGET AND COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FY 2022-2023 AND PRELIMINARY REQUEST 2023-2025

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXX/1. The Conference of the Parties accepts and approves the Core Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023.

XXX/2. The Conference of the Parties accepts and approves the Core Budget preliminary request for fiscal year 2023-2025.

AUDITORS REPORT

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXX/3. The Conference of the Parties approves the *Independent Auditors Report*

RECRUITMENT FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Directed to the Executive Council

XXX/4. The Executive Council, with the support of the IAI Directorate, is instructed to begin the recruitment process for the new Executive Director of the IAI.

GENDER, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION POLICY FOR IAI SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS AND CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXX/5. The Conference of the Parties approves the *Gender, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy for IAI Scientific Projects and Capacity Building Activities*

XXX/6. The Conference of the Parties is invited to establish a Gender and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, in collaboration with the SAC, SPAC and Associates and with the support

of the IAI Directorate, to develop and implement activities under the *Gender, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy for IAI Scientific Projects and Capacity Building Activities* and to report on achievements at the 31st meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

IAI SCIENTIFIC AGENDA

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXX/7. Conference of the Parties adopts the revised *IAI Scientific Agenda*.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Directed to the Parties

XXX/8. *The Parties are encouraged to participate in the training and education activities of the IAI Center for Science Diplomacy as lecturers or instructors with a view to providing participants with experience in and knowledge about the science-to-policy interface.*

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXX/9. *The Conference of the Parties instructs the IAI Directorate to establish, on its behalf, a steering committee, with the participation of Parties, the SAC and the SPAC, Associates, and experts on science diplomacy, to assist in and advise on the design and development of the IAI Center for Science Diplomacy and its programs and activities.*

VENUE OF THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXX/10. *The Conference of the Parties accepts the offer of Panama to host the 31st meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*