



**Decisions of the 31st Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the
Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research
Panama City, Panama
21-22 June 2023**

REPORT OF THE 30TH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXXI/1. The Conference of the Parties approves the Report of the 30th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

XXXI/2. The Conference of the Parties approves the report of the 2023 Extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

CORE BUDGET FOR FY 2023-2024 AND PRELIMINARY REQUEST FOR 2024-2026

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XVIII/3. The Conference of the Parties accepts and approves the Core Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the preliminary request for fiscal years 2024-2026.

AUDITORS REPORT

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXXI/4. The Conference of the Parties approves the Independent Auditors report.

JOINT REPORT OF THE SAC/SPAC

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXXI/5: The Conference of the Parties instructs the IAI Directorate to establish a research and training program on the nexus of climate, environment and health to support decision making by

Parties, considering human health and the health of all life systems, in partnership with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and other regional and global partners, to seek extramural research funding to support these activities, and to identify other relevant partners that may assist in addressing this issue at local, sub-national, national and regional scales and in global and multilateral fora.

XXXI/6: The Conference of the Parties instructs the IAI Directorate to establish a research and training program on the nexus of oceans, islands, coastal systems aligned with the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science, to support decision making by Parties, to seek extramural research funding to support these activities, and to identify partners.

XXXI/7: The Conference of the Parties instructs the IAI Directorate to engage with IAI Parties during international multilateral science-policy convenings, such as the meetings of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity, and Science Summit of the United Nations General Assembly, among others, and to seek external financial resources to sponsor an IAI delegation comprised of senior and early career scientists to disseminate relevant research with a global community, to strengthen engagement with decision makers, to increase the visibility and participation of scientists from the region, and to increase the capacity of the region to participate in international negotiations.

Directed to the Parties

XXXI/8: The Conference of the Parties is invited to meet in-person biennially and via videoconferencing during the intervening years, to increase equitable participation of the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee and Parties, to begin the implementation of a sponsored delegates program for the provision of financial assistance to facilitate the participation of Parties at meetings of the Conference of the Parties, and to reduce the carbon footprint of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXXI/9: The Conference of the Parties instructs the IAI Directorate to participate in the HydroClimate Research Program of the Andes (ANDEX), under the umbrella of the Global Energy and Water Exchanges Project (GEWEX) of the World Climate Research Programme, to link it with other regional and global platforms, to communicate the advances of ANDEX to the Parties, and to seek extramural research funding to support these activities.

INVITATION TO BECOME AN ASSOCIATE OF THE INSTITUTE

Directed to Parties

XXXI/10. The Conference of the Parties is encouraged to invite the University of the West Indies to become an Associate of the Institute.

XXXI/11. The Conference of the Parties is encouraged to invite the Centro de Investigación para el Cambio Global (CICAG) of the National University of Asunción to become an Associate of the Institute.

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXXI/12: On behalf of the Conference of the Parties, the IAI Directorate is tasked with drafting an invitation to the University of the West Indies to become an Associate of the Institute and preparing an Agreement of Association.

XXXI/13: On behalf of the Conference of the Parties, the IAI Directorate is tasked with drafting an invitation to the Centro de Investigación para el Cambio Global (CICAG) to become an Associate of the Institute and preparing an Agreement of Association.

THE GENDER, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION POLICY

Directed to Parties

XXXI/14: The Conference of the Parties instructs the Gender, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee to update, monitor and guide the implementation of the Gender, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy for IAI Scientific Projects and Capacity Building Activities during each intersessional period and report on progress during each meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

XXXI/15: The Conference of the Parties invites the Gender, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee to adopt its own rules of procedure.

XXXI/16: The Conference of the Parties instructs the IAI Directorate to establish an Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Advisory Committee (IP&LC-AC) to make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties regarding the Scientific Agenda, IAI Strategic Plan, and the annual program of the Institute thereby strengthening the work of the Institute and facilitating the equitable participation and contributions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.

XXXI/17: The Conference of the Parties instructs the Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Advisory Committee to adopt its own rules of procedure.

THE SCIENCE DIPLOMACY CENTER

Directed to Parties

XXXI/18. The Conference of the Parties approves the creation of the IAI Science Diplomacy Center and its work plan for the first three years based on the recommendations of the Science Diplomacy Center Advisory Board.

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXXI/19 The IAI Directorate is instructed to develop and implement the activities under the Science Diplomacy Center, as appropriate and subject to the availability of external financial resources, and to report on its development at future meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to Parties

XXXI/20. The Parties are encouraged to work with the Science Diplomacy Center Advisory Board

with the support of the IAI Directorate in the development and support of the Center programs and activities.

XXXI/21. The Parties are encouraged to participate in the programs and activities of the Science Diplomacy Center and contribute to the work of the Center with a view to fostering science policy dialogue and enhancement of collaboration related to global environmental change in the Americas.

VENUES OF THE NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Directed to the Parties

XXXI/22. The Conference of the Parties accepts the offer of Bolivia and Canada to co-host the 32nd meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to be held via videoconferencing.

XXXI/23. The Conference of the Parties accepts the offer of Paraguay to co-host the 33rd meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to be held in Asunción, Paraguay.