



**Decisions of the 33rd Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the
Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research
Asunción, Paraguay. Hybrid.
29-30 May 2025**

Approval of the Report of the 32nd Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXXIII/1. The Conference of the Parties approves the Report of the 32nd meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Core budget

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXXIII/2. The Conference of the Parties approves the core budget for fiscal year 2025–2026 and the preliminary request for fiscal years 2026–2028.

Auditors' Report

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXXIII/3. The Conference of the Parties is invited to approve the Independent Auditors' report.

Directed to Parties

XXXIII/4. The Parties are invited to consider appointing a position and institution, rather than an individual by name, when issuing credentials for the designation of the permanent and alternate national representatives (Focal Points) to the IAI to help ensure continuity in representation and facilitate smoother transitions in the event of personnel changes, and to explore, where appropriate and consistent with their national governance structures, the possibility of nominating alternate focal points from other relevant national agencies, which would promote broader national participation and inclusive representation of the country delegation within IAI processes.

Participation in Belmont Forum calls

Directed to Parties

XXXIII/5. The Parties are encouraged to work with the IAI Directorate and the Belmont Forum Secretariat to explore financial and in-kind contributions to support their national research teams participating in Collaborative Research Actions (CRAs) that align with national and regional priorities.

Asunción Declaration on Water Security, Biodiversity, and Climate Resilience in the Americas

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXXIII/6. The Conference of the Parties approves the Asunción Declaration by the Parties and IAI partner institutions on Water Security, Biodiversity, and Climate Resilience in the Americas as an expression of joint commitment to strengthen regional cooperation, transdisciplinary science, and integrated action in the face of the challenges of global environmental change.

SAC, SPAC, and IPAC

Directed to Parties

XXXIII/7. The Parties are encouraged to further utilize and strengthen this unique regional mechanism of the IAI, which facilitates direct interaction between governments and scientific communities to jointly address global change through research and policy action. This space should be leveraged to:

- Advance collaborative research on pressing regional challenges, ensuring science informs decision-making (e.g., with the Belmont Forum).
- Co-design capacity-building initiatives (e.g., workshops, training, webinars) tailored to both policymakers and scientists.
- Foster long-term partnerships that translate knowledge into innovative solutions for societal and environmental well-being, catalyzing evidence-based strategies to address global change.

Directed to Parties

XXXIII/8. The Parties are encouraged to meet with members of the SAC, SPAC, and IPAC of their respective countries, along with the Directorate, to promote awareness of ongoing funded research and actions that mutually support national and regional priorities along with the IAI Strategic Plan.

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXXIII/9. The Directorate is tasked with facilitating greater engagement between national representatives to the IAI, members of the SAC, SPAC, and IPAC, Associates, investigators from IAI-funded projects, STeP fellows, and other partners during the preparation for multilateral environmental conventions, and other regional and international meetings that align with the IAI's science agenda and strategic plan, to strengthen the role of science in supporting the formulation of policies and plans.

Invitation to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to become an Associate of the Institute

Directed to Parties

XXXIII/10. The Conference of the Parties invites the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to become an Associate of the Institute.

Directed to the Directorate

XXXIII/11. The Directorate is tasked with sending an invitation to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to become an Associate of the Institute and preparing an Agreement of Association which shall specify the areas of the Scientific Agenda and/or programmatic activities that will be supported by the Associate, and the modalities of such support.

Invitation to the American Geophysical Union (AGU) to become an Associate of the Institute

Directed to Parties

XXXIII/12. The Conference of the Parties invites the American Geophysical Union (AGU) to become an Associate of the Institute.

Directed to the Directorate

XXXIII/13. The Directorate is tasked with sending an invitation to the American Geophysical Union (AGU) to become an Associate of the Institute and preparing an Agreement of Association which shall specify the areas of the Scientific Agenda or programmatic activities that will be supported by the Associate, and the modalities of such support.

Invitation to the Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Research (IVIC) to become an Associate of the Institute

Directed to Parties

XXXIII/14. The Conference of the Parties invites the Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Research (IVIC) to become an Associate of the Institute.

Directed to the Directorate

XXXIII/15. The Directorate is tasked with sending an invitation to the Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Research (IVIC) to become an Associate of the Institute and preparing an Agreement of Association which shall specify the areas of the Scientific Agenda or programmatic activities that will be supported by the Associate, and the modalities of such support.

Open Access to Data and Publications Policy

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXXIII/16. The Conference of the Parties approves the Open Access to Data and Publications Policy.

Formal procedures for granting permanent observer status at the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research

Directed to Parties

XXXIII/17. The Conference of the Parties adopts the revised formal procedures for granting permanent observer status at the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research.

Directed to the Directorate

XXXIII/18. The Conference of the Parties instructs the IAI Directorate to publish the revised Formal procedures for granting permanent observer status at the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research on the IAI website.