

JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT

BETWEEN

**THE UNITED NATIONS
REPRESENTED BY THE
THE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION OFFICE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE
CARIBBEAN (DCO LAC)**

AND

**THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR
GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH (IAI) (“Partner”)**

**CONCERNING COOPERATION IN MEETING THE 2030 AGENDA FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The United Nations and the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research, hereinafter referred to as the “Signatories”;

Recognising the critical importance of partnerships with the private sector, civil society and academia to promote the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and especially through its SDG Partnership Platform flagship program launched at the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly;

Acknowledging the Signatories’ common intent to strategically collaborate in order to support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and leaving no-one behind in the Latin American and the Caribbean region and to continue to make progress on recovery and resilience in the post-COVID-19 era, specifically along key cross-cutting areas of common interest;

Aiming to cooperate in areas of mutual interests related to the work of the United Development Coordination Office in Latin America and the Caribbean (DCO-LAC) and the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Signatories affirm their intention to collaborate guided by the following understanding and principles:

1. The Signatories intend to collaborate in the following areas in support of the SDGs:

- a. To promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation between the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research and the United Nations Resident Coordinator System and DCO LAC, promoting the co-production and use of transdisciplinary science on global change processes in support of policies and actions to implement the SDGs and building on the complementarity between relevant parts of the Parties' respective mandates, particularly regarding the connection between climate, environment and health.*
- b. To promote Collaboration with the UN Resident Coordinator System in the LAC region for the support to sustainable development initiatives aligned to Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks of the United Nations, the Scientific Agenda of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research.*
- c. Joint participation in the design and development of initiatives that promote institutional cooperation, inclusivity, and equitable access to science with special emphasis on expertise and knowledge related to key acceleration issues toward the United Nations 'Our Common Agenda': i. Data, Analysis and Communications, ii. Innovation and Digital Transformation, iii. Strategic Foresight; iv.) Performance and Results Orientation; v.) Behavioral Science.*
- d. Participation by both in forums and initiatives promoted by one of the signatories, where feasible and appropriate.*
- e. Collaborate on sustainable development coordination initiatives in other thematic areas of mutual interest agreed between the parties.*

2. The Signatories and/or respective Resident Coordination Offices (RCOs) in the LAC region will negotiate and conclude appropriate forms of agreement once they have identified specific activities in areas of their mutual interests, as set forth in paragraph 1 above.
3. The above-mentioned agreements will be signed by the Signatories before they undertake any of the activities. Each agreement will address, *inter alia*, the responsibilities and liability of each Signatory and financial arrangement.
4. The Signatories' respective focal points for the purposes of this present Declaration of Intent, including the identification of potential activities relating to their areas of mutual interests, are:

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5. Neither Signatory will use the name, emblem or trademarks of the other Signatory, or any of its subsidiaries and/or affiliates, or any abbreviation thereof, without the express prior written approval of the other Signatory in each case. In no event will authorisation to use the UN name or emblem, or any abbreviation thereof, be granted for commercial purposes or for use in any manner that suggests an endorsement by the United Nations of the Partner(s) or their products and/or services.

6. Nothing in or related to the present Declaration of Intent will be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the *Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research* or the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.
7. This Declaration of Intent does not create any legally binding rights or obligations on the Signatories.

Signed in Panama City on 6 July 2023.

FOR The United Nations:

Mr. Roberto Valent
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Signature

**FOR Inter-American Institute for Global
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