



INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

SCIENCE DIPLOMACY CENTER SIDE EVENT AGENDA

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Subject: The Science Diplomacy Center Side Event at the 31st Meeting of the Conference of the Parties on 21 June 2023, 17:00-18:30, in Panama City, Panama

Time	Event
17:00-17:10	Welcome and Opening Remarks Anna Stewart, IAI Executive Director Marcella Ohira, IAI Deputy Executive Director
17:10-17:30	<p>Panama Science Diplomacy Case Study Panama, CoP31 host country, will share their experience in science diplomacy, including the establishment of the first national science diplomacy strategy in Latin America.</p> <p>Milagro Mainieri, Director of Innovation and Development, SENACYT Panama</p> <p>Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) will provide an example of the role of science in diplomacy by sharing its experience working with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to shift shipping lanes to protect migratory whale species.</p> <p>Hector Guzman, Marine Biologist, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI):</p>
17:30-18:15	<p>Co-Design Session: Participants will rotate in stations (15 min each) to discuss and contribute to the flagship initiatives of the SDC 2023-2026</p>
	<p>Station 1: Why is science diplomacy important to support regional collaboration (multilateralism) among member states in global environmental change related issues? How can the IAI SDC support national strategies, plans, programs and other institutional mechanisms?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair: Milagro Mainieri, Panama Focal Point and Vicechair of IAI Executive Council SAC/SPAC co-chair: Omar Lopez IAI Representative: Kim Portmess STeP Fellow: Rosario Quintero <p>Station 2: What are the priority capacity-building needs and skills for government officials?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair: Carlos Matsumoto, Brazil Focal Point, MCTI SAC/SPAC co-chair: Carol Franco

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAI Representative: Marcella Ohira • STeP Fellow: Anne Teresa Birthwright <p>Station 3: What are the priority topics and emerging issues in global environmental change the SDC should focus on? What kind of resources are needed in the SDC Knowledge Hub?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Maria Uhle, US Focal Point, NSF USA • SAC/SPAC co-chair: Javier Garcia Garza • IAI Representative: Marcos Regis da Silva • STeP Fellow: Brian Leung
18:15-18:30	Report out & Closing