



SCIENCE DIPLOMACY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

24-26 April 2024 – Guatemala City, Guatemala

AGENDA

Primary Goal of the Advisory Board Meeting: To strengthen the IAI's Science Diplomacy Center as a reference to support Science Diplomacy and Global Environmental Change in the Americas.

Expected result of the meeting: Guidance to develop an Implementation Plan for the SDC for the period 2024-2026

Tuesday, 23 April 2024

Arrival & ground transportation to Hotel Hilton Guatemala

Time	Description
19:00	Welcome to the Science Diplomacy Center (SDC) Advisory Board and Collaborators Welcome Dinner at the Hotel Hilton Guatemala restaurant

Wednesday, 24 April 2024

Time	Description
9:00-11:00	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks, Anna Stewart-Ibarra, IAI Executive Director</p> <p>Introduction of Advisory Board Members, IAI collaborators, and staff, Marcella Ohira, IAI Deputy Executive Director</p> <p>Objectives of the meeting and presentation of the agenda, Javier Gracia-Garza, IAI Science-Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) and SDC Advisory Board member</p> <p>IAI Strategic Plan, Anna Stewart-Ibarra</p> <p>Science Diplomacy Center Report: Activities to date - Achievements and Milestones (February 2023 - April 2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity Building for Policy and Decision-Makers & Emerging/Evolving/Innovation Issues, Marcella Ohira • Partnership and Fundraising, Marcella Ohira • Science Diplomacy Center Knowledge Hub, Branislav Pantović, IAI Science, Technology and Policy (STeP) Fellow

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDC Science, Technology and Policy Fellowship (STeP) Program, Marcella Ohira • SDC and STeP SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis, Andrea Chavez <p>Discussion</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Carol Franco, IAI Science-Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) and SDC Advisory Board member</p> <p><i>Rapporteurs:</i> Branislav Pantović, IAI Science, Technology and Policy (STeP) Fellow and Andrea Chavez</p>
<p>11:00-11:20</p>	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p>
<p>11:20-12:30</p>	<p>Presentation of the Science Diplomacy Curriculum and Training Materials Gabriela Ferreira, University of São Paulo (Brazil)</p> <p>What other complementary, targeted SD materials are necessary to support existing activities?</p> <p>Do we need to consider developing new materials and programs (audiences: diplomatic, scientists, others)?</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Carmen Claramunt, SDC Advisory Board member</p> <p><i>Rapporteur:</i> Branislav Pantović, IAI Science, Technology and Policy (STeP) Fellow, and Andrea Chavez</p>
<p>12:30-14:00</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>
<p>14:15</p>	<p>Transportation to the University Del Valle: Meet at the hotel lobby</p>
<p>14:45-16:50</p>	<p>Strengthening the nexus of climate change, health and public policy: Evidence from Lancet Countdown Latin America and the IAI Venue: Universidad del Valle</p> <p>This session jointly organized by the Lancet Countdown Latin America Regional Center and the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) will present for the first time the Lancet Countdown Latin America 2023 report and the Science</p>

	<p>Diplomacy projects developed by the Fellows of the IAI Science, Technology and Policy (STeP) Fellowship Program.</p> <p>During the event, the main findings on climate change and health for the region will be discussed, as well as the importance of generating scientific evidence to inform public policy at the local and regional level.</p> <p>Audience: IAI community (SDC advisory board members, STeP fellows, associates and collaborators), national and subnational authorities, academics, NGOs and journalists.</p> <p>*Hybrid event with simultaneous interpretation (English and Spanish).</p>
16:50-17:20	COFFEE BREAK
17:20-18:30	<p>Sci Dip Forum continued Q & A format</p> <p>Evaluation & Closing of Conference</p>
20:00-21:30	SDC Advisory Board Group Dinner with STeP Fellows at restaurant in Guatemala City

Thursday, 25 April 2024

Time	Description
9:00-9:20	Recap of discussion outcomes on DAY 1 (two board member will present it, the IAI will assist and provide the minutes and the slides), Carol Franco and Carmen Claramunt
9:20-13:00	<p>A brief presentation of the questions/answers from the Advisory Board members that we sent/received for brainstorming and discussion:</p> <p>QUESTIONS for Discussion and Brainstorming (plenary and/or breakout groups):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We kindly request that you share your insights on the utilization of science diplomacy within your respective countries, regions, or institutions. Specifically, we are interested in understanding the current global and regional trends, as well as emerging developments that could influence the strategic planning and operational activities of the Science Diplomacy Center (SDC). Please include any shifts in global dynamics, regional priorities, emerging challenges, and opportunities that may impact the effectiveness and
(11:00-11:20) COFFEE BREAK	



scope of the SDC's initiatives. Your experiences and observations are invaluable to us as we navigate the evolving landscape of science diplomacy.

2. At the IAI CoP 31 Side Event on Science Diplomacy in June 2023 in Panama, several critical topics were highlighted as priorities: Emerging Technologies for Global Environmental Change (including AI, quantum technology, and blockchain); Climate Disaster Risks and Cascading Effects; One Health or Planetary Health Solutions; Indigenous Knowledge and Migration; Poverty Alleviation, Conservation, and Sustainability. To effectively progress these areas through the Science Diplomacy Center, we are seeking your input on prioritization, identification of cross-cutting issues and potential synergies, as well as strategies for advancement. Could you recommend specific activities or initiatives that could advance these topics? Are there key expert partners or organizations that could be instrumental in addressing these activities? Additionally, what impacts and results do you anticipate could be achieved from focusing on these key topics? Your insights will be crucial in shaping our approach to leveraging science diplomacy to address these emerging issues.
3. We kindly request your assistance in identifying one or two strategic partners or institutions in the Americas, especially within the Latin America and Caribbean region, that could significantly contribute to advancing the mission of the Science Diplomacy Center (SDC). This includes, but is not limited to, initiatives related to capacity building, financing, addressing emerging issues, and other relevant endeavors. Your recommendations will be invaluable in helping us establish effective and strategic collaborations and enhance the impact of the SDC's efforts.
4. Can you identify the strengths and weaknesses, as well as the pros and cons, of the SDC? Your recommendations are essential for developing strategies to foresee and address any weaknesses or challenges and to leverage the strengths to enhance the effectiveness of the SDC's operations. The SDC summary report and presentation on day 1 will be useful for this discussion.
5. What lessons can be obtained from other centers, programs, and science diplomacy initiatives, or country experiences in science-policy and international collaborations? How can we effectively integrate these lessons into our practices to optimize the functioning and impact of the work of the SDC, also considering the strengths and weaknesses?

Discussion

	<p><i>Chairs:</i> Javier Gracia-Garza and Frances Colón</p> <p><i>Rapporteurs:</i> Branislav Pantović, STeP Fellow, Argentina and Daniel Pinillo, STeP Fellow, Guatemala</p>
13:00-14:00	LUNCH
14:00-16:00	<p>Strategic Planning: SDC Board members will be divided into 2 Breakout Groups to provide guidance on advancing the work of the SDC. Knowledge Hub pillar will be addressed as a cross cutting topic in both groups.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity-Building + Knowledge Hub + Strategic Partnerships + Sustainability and Funding 2. Emerging/Evolving/Innovation Issues + Knowledge Hub + Strategic Partnerships + Sustainability and Funding <p>Rapporteurs will be assigned to each breakout group</p> <p><i>Rapporteurs:</i> Branislav Pantović, STeP Fellow, Argentina and Daniel Pinillo, STeP Fellow, Guatemala</p>
16:00-16:20	COFFEE BREAK
16:20-18:00	<p>Strategic Planning: SDC Board returns to plenary. Breakout group reports (20 min each)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity-Building + Knowledge Hub + Strategic Partnerships + Sustainability and Funding 2. Emerging/Evolving/Innovation Issues + Knowledge Hub + Strategic Partnerships + Sustainability and Funding <p>During this session, we will explore ideas and recommendations regarding future programs, activities, initiatives, partnerships, sustainability, and funding based on the report of the breakout groups, and the discussions of the previous day. This will involve a collaborative discussion aimed at generating innovative and feasible plans to achieve the goals of the SDC.</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Amparo Martinez, SPAC member and SDC AB member and Kim Montgomery, SDC AB member</p> <p><i>Rapporteurs:</i> Branislav Pantović, STeP Fellow, Argentina and Daniel Pinillo, STeP Fellow, Guatemala</p>



20:00-21:30	Group Dinner (TBD restaurant in Guatemala City)
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Friday, 26 April 2024

Time	Description
9:00-11:00	Recap of discussion outcomes on DAY 2, Frances Colón, and Javier Gracia-Garza Wrapping up key recommendations and planning next steps <i>Chair:</i> Nathan Hotaling, AB member <i>Rapporteurs:</i> Branislav Pantović, STeP Fellow, Argentina and Andrea Chavez
11:20-11:40	COFFEE BREAK / BRUNCH
11:40 -12:40	SDC Advisory Board Feedback on STeP program, and STeP project presentations on 24 April. How can the Advisory Board support the STeP program and its professional development training SDC Advisory Board Feedback on SDC and STeP SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis. Discussion <i>Chair:</i> Nathan Hotaling, AB member <i>Rapporteurs:</i> Branislav Pantović, STeP Fellow, Argentina
12:40-13:00	Future meetings: Organize virtual meetings and tentative dates and venue for third in-person meeting of the SDC Advisory Board 2025, Marcella Ohira, IAI Final remarks and Adjourn
TBD	(City Tour and Artisan Market Visit with Exploration of Key Tourist Attractions) SDC Advisory Board members Departure

Sessions highlighted in green are joint sessions with STeP Fellows and SDC Advisory Board Members