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**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE
INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL
CHANGE RESEARCH
Forty-ninth meeting
Videoconference, 19 August 2020
10:00 to 11:00 UYT
Agenda item 4**

Report of the IAI Executive Council

1. This document has been prepared by the Chair of the IAI Executive Council (EC) with the assistance of the IAI Directorate.

Background

2. Article 6 of the *Agreement Establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research* accorded the EC to be the *executive organ of the Institute*.
3. At the time of writing, membership in the EC includes the following Parties:

Brazil (Vice-Chair), Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama (Vice-Chair), the United States, and Uruguay (Chair).

Election to the IAI Executive Council

4. The two-year terms for the nine Members of the EC, including its Chair, expires on August 2020.
5. Members of the EC are invited to consider nominations to serve in the Council. Members may wish to take into account the need for balanced geographic and gender representation in the Council.

Activities by the IAI Executive Council during the intersessional period

6. The Conference of the Parties, at its 27th meeting (Brasilia, 2019), adopted 38 Decisions. CoP-27 Decisions requiring oversight and reporting by the EC are listed below:

XXVII/30. The IAI Directorate is instructed to inform and, when appropriate, involve the Executive Council in work related to the establishment of a flexible funding mechanism for the Americas.

XXVII/31. The IAI Directorate is instructed to inform on and, when appropriate, to involve the Executive Council in joint activities with the Belmont Forum, in particular efforts to establish a flexible mechanism to facilitate the funding of scientific projects on global change in the Americas.

7. The Chair of the EC was briefed on efforts to organize a meeting of Latin American and the Caribbean development banks, funding mechanisms, national funding agencies and donors on the margins of the meeting of the Belmont Forum Plenary scheduled for October 2020 in Montevideo, Uruguay.
8. This meeting was to introduce the idea of a flexible funding mechanism for the Americas and to invite participation in its design and implementation. Regrettably, the organization of the meeting was not possible owing to the advent of Covid-19. Subject to the availability of external financial resources, the IAI Directorate will plan a similar meeting during the 2020-2021 intersessional period.

The IAI Scientific agenda

9. The Chair of the EC was briefed by the IAI Directorate on the results of work by the Science Advisory Committee (SAC) and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) to the IAI Scientific agenda, in accordance with Article III of the Agreement, and provided its views and advice on the revisions.
10. The draft IAI Scientific agenda is presented to CoP-28 under agenda item 11 in document no. IAI/COP/28/11, *Recommendations by the SAC and SPAC on revisions to the IAI Scientific Agenda*.
11. The EC recommends adoption by CoP-28 of the revised IAI Scientific Agenda

Auditors Report and approval of Financial Status Report, Financial items to be forwarded to the CoP-28

12. At the time of writing, the Chair of the EC has not received copies of the IAI Auditors Report and IAI Financial Status Report. The IAI Directorate has informed the Chair that it has not received all documentation and reports required from Principal Investigators of CRN3 and SGP projects to be able to close accounts and draft the financial reports.
13. The EC will forward its recommendation to the CoP-28 on receipt and review of above documents.

14. However, a draft decision is provided in brackets ([]) approving the IAI Auditors Report and IAI Financial Status Report in the Annex to this report. However, it is noted that final approval is contingent on review of the documents by the Finance Advisory Committee and its recommendation to the EC and CoP-28.
15. A draft decision is also provided in brackets ([]) approving the IAI Core Budget and Country Contributions for FY 2020-2021 and the Preliminary request 2021-2023. Similar to the above, final approval is contingent on review of the documents by the Finance Advisory Committee and its recommendation to the EC and CoP-28.

Recommendation

16. The Executive Council is invited to take note of the draft decisions and recommendations contained in the Annex to this document.

**Draft Decisions of the 49th meeting of the IAI Executive Council
Teleconference
19 August 2020**

Approval of the Reports of the 47th and 48th meetings of the EC

XLIX/1. The Executive Council approved the reports of its 47th and 48th meetings

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XLIX/2. Invites the Conference of the Parties to adopt the revised IAI Scientific agenda.

[XLIX/3. Invites the Conference of the Parties to approve the IAI Auditors Report and IAI Financial Status Report.]

[XLIX/4. Invites the Conference of the Parties to approve the Core Budget and Country Contributions for FY 2020-2021 and to consider the Preliminary request 2021-2023.]