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**2023 EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE  
INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL  
CHANGE RESEARCH**  
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Agenda item 4

**Agenda item 4: Report of the Chair of the Committee for the  
Selection of the New IAI Executive Director**

1. This document has been prepared by the Chair of the Committee for the Selection of the New IAI Executive Director

Background

2. Article VIII, paragraphs 4 and 6 of the *Agreement establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research* state:
  4. *The Director shall be elected by a two-thirds majority of the Conference of the Parties from nominations submitted by the Parties and for a three-year term with eligibility for a single additional term; and,*
  6. *The Director shall not be a citizen or permanent resident of the Party hosting the Directorate.*
3. Chapter XII, Election and removal of the Executive Director, rules 85 and 86 of the *Standing rules of the Conference of the Parties of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research* (as approved by CoP 29, June 2021) state:

*Rule 85: The Executive Director shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII, Sections 4 and 6 of the Agreement Establishing the IAI, and in accordance with Rule 61.*

*Rule 86: The Parties shall nominate candidates forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the election by communication addressed to the Executive Director, who shall immediately circulate the nominations to all Parties, as received.*

4. Chapter IX, Voting, rule 61 of the *Standing rules* state:

*Rule 61: Voting to elect or remove the Executive Director shall be conducted by secret ballot.*

5. The Conference of the Parties, at its 30th meeting (Montevideo and videoconferencing, 2022), adopted Decision XXX/4 which instructed the Executive Council to:

*...with the support of the IAI Directorate, ...to begin the recruitment process for the new Executive Director of the IAI.*

#### Recruitment process for the election of the Executive Director of the IAI

6. Notification no. IAIUYDIR/2022/31, *Invitation to join the Committee for the Selection of the New IAI Executive Director*, was published on 15 August 2022.
7. Accordingly, the Committee is Chaired by the Chair of the Executive Council, per Decision XXX/4. Brazil, Canada, Chile, Guatemala, Panama and the Chairs of the Science Advisory Committee and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee joined the Committee. Additionally, the Executive Director of the Belmont Forum was invited by the Chair to join the Committee. The Deputy Director of the IAI Directorate was invited to attend discussions of the Committee as an observer.
8. On 13 September 2022, notification no. IAIUYDIR/2022/33 on the *Vacancy announcement for the post of Executive Director* of the IAI was published. The vacancy announcement is available as information document no. IAI/COP/INFO/2<sup>1</sup>.
9. The applications received represented the regions of North, Central, and South America.
10. The Chair will provide an oral report providing more information on applications received and describing the Committee's process leading to its recommendation for the post.

#### Recommendation

11. The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of this report.

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<sup>1</sup> See: <https://www.iai.int/administrador/assets/images/ckfinder/files/Job%20Posting%20Executive%20Director-en.pdf>