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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Invitation to participate in the workshop series From Science to Decision Making: Addressing the Complexities of Emerging Climate Intervention Techniques in the Americas

Dear Madam or Sir,

Notification IAIUYDIR2023/32, issued on 23 October 2023, invited Parties to complete a survey on levels of knowledge on Solar Radiation Modification (SRM) and its governance in Latin America and the Caribbean. The survey, as part of a wider consultation process around this subject, would also allow us to design learning and capacity building activities to support actors in the region to engage in the development of comprehensive and inclusive governance frameworks on SRM (nationally, regionally and internationally) for a better informed decision-making.

In light of the above, I am pleased to invite you to the webinar *Introducing the scientific foundations of climate intervention techniques* to be held on 16 April 2025 from 11:00 to 13:00 EST. This webinar marks the launch of the Capacity Building Workshop Series *From Science to Decision Making: Addressing the Complexities of Emerging Climate Intervention Techniques in the Americas*, organized by the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) in collaboration with the Alliance for Just Deliberation on Solar Geoengineering (DSG) and The Degrees Initiative.

This series consists of three regional workshops—two virtual and one in-person—designed to provide policymakers, climate negotiators, and relevant stakeholders with a comprehensive understanding of scientific advance and government challenges of emerging climate intervention techniques, including SRM. Language interpretation between English and Spanish will be available. The dates for the second virtual and third in-person workshops will be announced in due course.

As an emerging issue under the IAI's Science Program, supported by the Science Diplomacy Center, this workshop series will equip policymakers in the Americas with the necessary information to navigate the scientific, policy and governance dimensions of climate intervention techniques. The workshops will provide a neutral and informed space to discuss the potential risks, benefits, and governance challenges of climate intervention techniques, incorporating ethical and climate justice considerations to ensure that regional perspectives are represented in global climate deliberations. Please note that the IAI and other co-organizers do not take a position on whether climate intervention techniques should be used or how it should be governed but rather support well-governed research and inclusive, science-based discussions at both

regional and global levels.

Participant Nomination & Registration:

National Representatives to the IAI are invited to designate, for both virtual and in-person workshops, individuals familiar with or involved in negotiations in multilateral forums related to the environment or emerging technologies or other individuals they deem suitable. It is strongly recommended that the in-person representative attend both prior webinars, as they provide crucial foundational knowledge for the workshop. Active participation in the virtual sessions will be key to ensuring productive and meaningful outcomes during the in-person workshop. Designations must be indicated to the IAI Directorate via e-mail to Ms. Soledad Noya, soledad.noya@dir.iai.int, at your earliest possible convenience, but no later than 31 March 2025.

Financial Support for the In-Person Workshop:

The in-person workshop will take place in the third quarter of 2025. The IAI Directorate, DSG and the Degrees Initiative will provide financial support for one national representative from each of the eligible IAI Parties (middle- and low-income countries) covering travel, accommodation, meals and daily subsistence allowance. Further details will be provided in due course.

As the IAI Directorate expands its efforts to address emerging global environmental change issues in consultations with the IAI Science Diplomacy Center, the Science Advisory Committee, and the Science-Policy Advisory Committee, it aims to provide IAI Parties with critical information to strengthen regional participation in global environmental discussions and negotiations. The workshop series also aims to foster collaboration among decision-makers, regional experts, and scientists working on policies relevant to global environmental change across IAI Parties.

Attached to this notification is the concept note for the workshop series and the agenda for the webinar *Introducing the scientific foundations of climate intervention techniques*.

For inquiries or further information, please contact Dr. Omar López Alfano, IAI Director of Science (omar.lopez@dir.iai.int).

I look forward to your valuable participation in this initiative.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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