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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Strengthening Regional Scientific Cooperation for Climate Knowledge Sovereignty and Resilience in the Americas and the Caribbean – Thematic session of IAI CoP-34.

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am pleased to invite you to the thematic event to be held on the sidelines of the official sessions of the 34th Conference of the Parties (CoP-34):

Strengthening Regional Scientific Cooperation for Climate Knowledge Sovereignty and Resilience in the Americas and the Caribbean

2 June 2026 | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (UTC -5) - [Registration](#)

The event, jointly hosted by the Government of Jamaica and the Government of Colombia, organized in collaboration with the Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies (IDEAM) and the University of the West Indies (UWI), with contributions from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), will facilitate a dialogue among member countries of the IAI and regional partners on strategic approaches to strengthening scientific cooperation across the Americas and the Caribbean. Discussions will explore opportunities to develop shared tools and collaborative infrastructures, including regional data platforms, interoperable climate information systems, digital climate intelligence capabilities, artificial intelligence applications, and high-performance computing resources, to support climate research, risk assessment, early warning systems, and evidence-based decision-making throughout the region.

The event will also examine how enhanced regional cooperation can contribute to strengthening scientific autonomy and climate knowledge sovereignty, promoting sustainable financing for climate research, and reinforcing the long-term resilience of scientific institutions and knowledge networks.

Across all thematic discussions, particular emphasis will be placed on strengthening science–policy interfaces, advancing regional governance mechanisms, enhancing regional research capacities, and identifying sustainable pathways for collaboration and investment. These cross-cutting dimensions aim to support more integrated, actionable, and regionally coordinated approaches to climate resilience in the Americas and the Caribbean.

More information on the event, including the agenda and invited experts, is available on the IAI website [here](#). Registration is available [here](#).

We kindly invite you to disseminate this invitation widely throughout your networks in order to encourage broad regional participation and engagement.

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

Sincerely,



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Interim Executive Director