



**Decisions of the 32nd Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the
Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research
Videoconference
22-23 May 2024**

Approval of the Report of the 31st meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXXII/1. The Conference of the Parties approves the Report of the 31st meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Approval of the Report of the 2024 Extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXXII/2. The Conference of the Parties approves the Report of the 2024 Extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Core Budget

Directed to the Conference of the Parties

XXXII/3. The conference of the Parties approves the core budget for 2024-2025 with an increase of 20% in voluntary contributions, and the preliminary request for fiscal years 2025-2027, with increases of 5% per year, subject to approval by the appropriate authorities in each country.

XXXII/4. The Conference approves the Independent Auditors' report.

The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and the Science Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC)

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXXII/5. The IAI Directorate is instructed to foster communication between focal points, SAC/SPAC members, and investigators of funded projects, and the larger scientific community, to strengthen the strategic exchange of information and knowledge relevant to global change science, to increase the use of science in decision making and policy processes, and to improve the implementation of IAI's Strategic Plan.

Directed to Parties

XXXII/6. The Parties are encouraged to develop robust financing strategies, aimed at securing sustainable resources for the IAI Directorate, including increasing Party contributions, identifying external funding sources, identifying in-kind (non-financial) resources from Parties, and other flexible funding mechanisms, thus ensuring the continuity and long-term impact of the IAI.

XXXII/7. The Parties are encouraged to increase the engagement of IAI with other sectors and institutions within their respective countries, for example by inviting the Directorate or SAC/SPAC members to present at virtual or in person meetings or by identifying additional alternate focal points from other agencies, with the aim of increasing visibility, impact, and partnerships across sectors at the national level.

The IAI Strategic Plan

Directed to the IAI Conference of the Parties

XXXII/8. The Conference of the Parties adopts the new IAI Strategic Plan for the period 2024-2030

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXXII/9. The IAI Directorate is instructed to monitor and evaluate the activities of the Directorate as dictated in the IAI's Strategic Plan, to periodically solicit feedback from the Parties to include in the evaluations, and to report on these outcomes during the annual Conference of the Parties.

Invitation to the Center for Climate and Resilience Research of the University of Chile to become an Associate of the Institute

Directed to Parties

XXXII/10. The Conference of the Parties invites the Center for Climate and Resilience Research (CR2) of the University of Chile to become an Associate of the Institute.

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXXII/11. The IAI Directorate is tasked with sending an invitation to the Center for Climate and Resilience Research (CR2) of the University of Chile to become an Associate of the Institute and preparing an Agreement of Association which shall specify the areas of the Scientific Agenda and/or programmatic activities that will be supported by the Associate, and the modalities of such support.

Invitation to the Santa Catarina Research and Innovation Foundation (FAPESC) to become an Associate of the Institute

Directed to Parties

XXXII/12. The Conference of the Parties invites the Santa Catarina Research and Innovation Foundation (FAPESC) to become an Associate of the Institute.

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXXII/13. The IAI Directorate is tasked with sending an invitation to Santa Catarina Research and Innovation Foundation (FAPESC) to become an Associate of the Institute and preparing an Agreement of Association which shall specify the areas of the Scientific Agenda and/or programmatic activities that will be supported by the Associate, and the modalities of such support.

Invitation to the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) to become an Associate of the Institute

Directed to Parties

XXXII/14. The Conference of the Parties invites the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) to become an Associate of the Institute.

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXXII/15. The IAI Directorate is tasked with sending an invitation to the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) to become an Associate of the Institute and preparing an Agreement of Association which shall specify the areas of the Scientific Agenda and/or programmatic activities that will be supported by the Associate, and the modalities of such support.

Science Diplomacy Center (SDC)

Directed to the Parties

XXXII/16. The Parties are encouraged to continue to actively participate and support the IAI Directorate in the development of the activities of the Science Diplomacy Center.

XXXII/17. The Conference of the Parties approves the recommendation of the Science Diplomacy Center Advisory Board to establish a working group on emerging issues and technologies.

Policy on Gender, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXXII/18. The Conference of the Parties instructs the IAI Directorate to train its staff and fellows in Gender and EDI, and internally promote strategies and guidelines to carry out the Implementation Plan of its Policy.

The Committee on Indigenous Peoples and the Committee on Local Communities

Directed to the IAI Directorate

XXXII/19. The Conference of the Parties instructs the IAI Directorate to continue working on the design of two advisory committees, one with representatives of Indigenous Peoples and the other with representatives of Local Communities, based on the facilitation of consultations with representatives and leaders of these communities, and to report the results of these consultations at the next meeting of the Executive Council.

Formal procedures for granting Observer Status at the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research

Directed to Parties

XXXII/20. The Conference of the Parties adopts the Formal procedures for granting Observer Status at the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research. Directed to the IAI Directorate

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XXXII/21. The Conference of the Parties instructs the IAI Directorate to publish the Formal procedures for granting Observer Status at the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research on the IAI website

Provision for removing Associate Status at the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research

Directed to Parties

XXXII/22. The Conference of the Parties adopts the provision to remove the IAI Associate Status, following three years of inactivity.

Headquarters of the Directorate of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research

Directed to the Parties

XXXII/23. By 1 June 2024, the Parties are invited to jointly submit a formal letter to the Government of Uruguay requesting an extension of the date of operations of the IAI in Uruguay until 31 July 2025 and allowing the Directorate to continue to operate with diplomatic immunities and privileges, but at no additional cost to Uruguay, after 29 July 2025.

XXXII/24. The Parties are invited to establish a Transition Committee to support the transition of the Headquarters of the IAI from Uruguay to Panama, to ensure the maintenance of IAI and Belmont Forum activities and operations.