

General Statement
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Chairs, distinguished delegates, thank you for this opportunity to introduce the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI).

The IAI is a regional intergovernmental organization of 19 Parties in the Americas. The IAI sits at the intersection of science and policy. Our mandate is to support interdisciplinary, multinational projects on issues associated with global change and transform resultant data, information and findings into products for use by policy makers.

We promote regional cooperation for interdisciplinary research on aspects of global change related to the sciences of the land, ocean, atmosphere and the environment.

Communications plays a key role to raise awareness to meet our goal to provide and promote science for action under the Paris Agreement and other multilateral environmental agreements. In that regard, in collaboration with the UNFCCC, we are planning a regional science communication workshop with a focus on oceans.

Strong international collaboration is an integral part of the mission that guides our work and we look forward to working with you.

Thank you for the excellent presentations and for the invitation to this meeting.