

**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.

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