

The logo for the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) features the letters 'IAI' in a large, red, serif font. The letters are superimposed on a small, stylized globe with a white grid of latitude and longitude lines. This globe is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the slide. The background of the entire slide is a larger, semi-transparent image of the Earth from space, showing the Americas and a large hurricane swirling over the Atlantic Ocean.

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Views on how SBSTA might facilitate a more effective dialogue between Parties and regional and international global change research programs



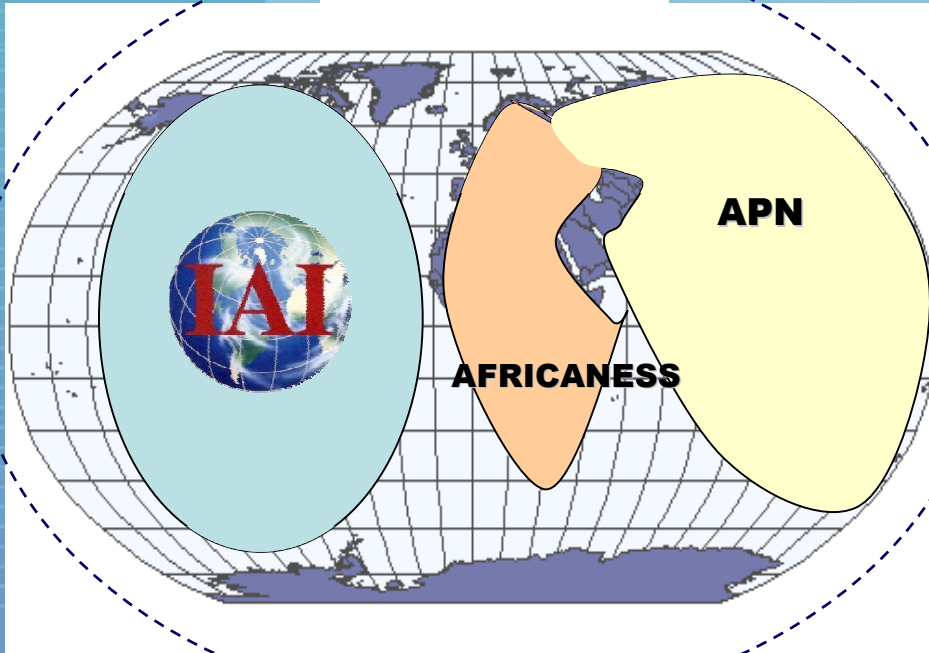
An intergovernmental organization dedicated to increasing the scientific capacity of the Americas

Principles: scientific excellence
open exchange of information
international cooperation



Global Change Research

Intergovernmental Regional Organizations



International Research Programs

ESSP:
DIVERSITAS
IGBP, IHDP,
WCRP, START



Communicating research to IAI Parties

- **Identify synergies with regional governmental initiatives**
- **Facilitate engagement of IAI scientists in UN Expert meetings**
- **Inform Parties: contribute to national communications**
- **Engage member countries in IAI evolving Science Agenda**
- **Engage and inform policy-makers at IAI COP meetings**



Obstacles to enhanced communication

“To fulfill its mandate towards informed action on GEC in the region, the IAI must identify appropriate audiences for the scientific information it produces and improve mechanisms of communication” (FCCC/SBSTA/2007/MISC.8)

“In order for SBSTA to facilitate an enhanced two-way communication and cooperation, Parties and research organizations may wish to understand current obstacles and identify strategies that can be used to overcome these obstacles resulting in enhanced communication” (FCCC/SBSTA/2007/MISC.8)



Obstacles to enhanced communication

Challenge 1

• **Identify a mechanism to channel global environmental change research information to most relevant audience (eg. governmental units, international fora) to strengthen science/policy interface for decision-making**

such as

**Ministries of Science & Technology, Environment,
Agriculture, Public Works,
Disaster Preparedness Units, etc.**



Scientific Information Flow

Communication to different
audiences



Synthesis, Knowledge



Analysis



Data



Communication: Science - Policy

Challenge 2

Improve mechanisms to communicate scientific information to policy-makers

- **identify appropriate language and format**



SBSTA can be an ideal mechanism for the science-policy dialogue and enhance information flow at the national and regional levels.

SBSTA can make a significant contribution by highlighting the need for countries to work more closely with and maximize the use of existing regional institutions, such as the IAI.



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