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INVITATION AND CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

4th Global Climate Policy Conference (GCPC*)

Harnessing Research for Climate Ambition and Transparency

16-17 August 2018

São Paulo, Brazil

Climate Strategies (CS), Instituto Clima et Sociedade (ICS), Iniciativa Climática de Mexico (ICM) and Konrad Adenauer Foundation's Regional Programme on Energy Security and Climate Change in Latin America (EKLA-KAS) would like to announce the 4th Global Climate Policy Conference (GCPC) under the working title: *Harnessing Research for Climate Ambition and Transparency*, to be held on 16th and 17th of August 2018 in São Paulo, Brazil.

The Paris Agreement, which entered into force in early November 2016, has been recognised as a key milestone in fighting climate change. However, it is also widely recognised that much support is still needed to help countries deliver on their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and that current NDCs are insufficient to achieve the overarching objectives of the Paris Agreement. Both the facilitative Talanoa Dialogue and finalisation of the Paris rulebook – processes scheduled for conclusion by the COP24 in Katowice later this year – require all countries to elaborate their NDC implementation strategies and further increase their ambition. Within this process, the research community has a major role to play helping countries explore new ideas and approaches.

The GCPC is an annual event that brings together representatives of both the research and policy communities in different regions of the world. This year, CS, ICS, ICM and EKLA-KAS are looking to convene a vibrant debate about effective and innovative options by and for the Latin American region in their implementation of NDCs. The GCPC offers participants and stakeholders a unique opportunity to explore, present and discuss ideas that accelerate and strengthen implementation, by using a mix of bottom-up (from the research community) and top-down (from the policy community) approaches.

The aim of the GCPC 2018 is to identify and explore the challenges and opportunities faced as countries implement their NDCs under the Paris Agreement and transition towards low-carbon development. Contributions will consist of analysis (of NDCs, existing policy frameworks, data availability to assess progress, capacity gaps, etc.), innovative ideas to foster implementation, and tools to support policy decisions.

We invite researchers to submit their ideas to the GCPC, in the form of **abstracts**. Submissions can be part of any academic discipline or be interdisciplinary in nature, but should focus on offering policy solutions under the Paris Agreement at the national and international level. The scope of the conference covers key issues relating to climate mitigation and adaptation worldwide; however, particular emphasis will be given to topics **relevant to Latin American countries**.

Submitted abstracts should focus on the following thematic areas:

- Governance structures to support the implementation and progressive strengthening of NDCs;
- Climate benefits of and emission reductions from land use, land use change and forestry;
- Scaling up and ensuring the efficient allocation of climate finance and investment;
- Policy frameworks to promote the deployment and sustainable integration of renewable energy;
- Aligning climate and trade agendas at the regional and international level;
- Advancing sustainable mobility and low-carbon public transport in megacities;
- Strategies for robust climate adaptation and resilient infrastructure;
- Implementing the Gender Action Plan - Methodologies for assessing gender impact on climate policy.

Submissions will be evaluated by the Conference Committee** and six to eight actionable ideas will be selected for presentation at GCPC 2018 and inclusion in the post-conference publication. Submissions will be judged on the basis of innovativeness and quality of the idea, relevance to low-carbon growth and climate action, and potential impact.

Note that this conference is implementation-oriented and therefore we are specifically interested in research-driven ideas that advance action on the ground.

With this email we would like to invite and encourage you to:

- **Participate** in the conference;
- **Submit a topic** you would like to present at the conference (formed of a short, one page description in English);
- **Invite other researchers** within your network to submit an abstract, particularly those who are researching new and exciting ideas on how to advance implementation.

Please submit your abstracts by 18th May 2018, to: info@climatestrategies.org

We intend to confirm the participants and speakers of the conference by **30th May 2018**. Please note that there is no conference fee and that there is travel support available for the selected presenters, subject to individual arrangements.

* The Global Climate Policy Conference (GCPC) is an annual event convened by Climate Strategies with various partners. There have currently been three editions of the GCPC:

1. "Less talk more agreement: How research can help unblock a climate deal" in London, UK on 7th - 8th of May 2014, convened jointly with CDKN (<http://climatestrategies.org/projects/global-climate-policy-conference/>).
2. "New research for effective action at Paris and beyond" in New Delhi on 30th of April - 1st of May 2015, convened jointly with the Stanley Foundation and supported by Oak Foundation (<http://climatestrategies.org/global-climate-policy-conference-2015/>).
3. "Implementing the Paris Agreement. New Research Solutions for Developing Countries" in Dar es Salaam on 13th - 14th July 2016, was convened jointly with KAS and Uongozi Institute, with additional support from the Stanley Foundation, (<http://climatestrategies.org/projects/global-climate-policy-conference-2016/>)

** Members of the Conference Committee: Chair: Michael Mehling (MIT), Members: Alice Amorim (ICS), Sonja Klinsky (ASU), Karina Marzano (EKLA-KAS), María José Sanz (BC3), Charlotte Streck (Climate Focus), Jorge Villarreal (ICM).