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Subject: **Application for 2018 MAB Young Scientists Awards (YSA)**

Sir/Madam,

The International Coordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB-ICC) at its 29<sup>th</sup> session on 12-15 June 2017 adopted the new criteria and conditions for the selection of MAB Young Scientists Award winners in order to address the Lima Action Plan (LAP) for Biosphere Reserves and relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in applications.

Please find attached a new application form for the 2018 MAB Young Scientists Awards (Annex 1) together with an information on the new objectives and the criteria. In order to facilitate the task of the Bureau of the MAB-ICC regarding the selection of the awards, the MAB National Committees are invited to only endorse candidates that meet the criteria, and pay an attention to a gender balance.

Please note that the applications for the 2018 Awards should reach the MAB Secretariat in Paris **no later than 15 December 2017**. This deadline should provide sufficient time to candidates to prepare their applications according to the new criteria and conditions. From 2018 onwards, a submission deadline will be again set up by 31 October. As in previous years, all applications must of course be endorsed and signed by the respective MAB National Committee before they are submitted to the MAB Secretariat. In countries where MAB National Committees do not exist or are not fully operational, the selection on the national level will continue to be ensured by the National Commission for UNESCO of the country in question.

Finally, let me mention that information about the MAB Young Scientists Award Scheme, including the revised objectives and selection criteria of the Awards endorsed by the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the MAB-ICC, as well as the new application forms, will be available on the UNESCO-MABNet at the following address:

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/ecological-sciences/man-and-biosphere-programme/awards-and-prizes/mab-young-scientists-awards/how-to-apply/>

Yours sincerely,

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Encl.: Annex 1: Application form for the MAB Young Scientists Awards 2018