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**Subject: Applications for 2016 MAB Young Scientists Awards**

Sir/Madam,

Please find attached an application form for the 2016 Young Scientists Awards (Annex 1), as well as an information note setting out the objectives and the criteria regarding the selection of the Awards (Annex 2). In order to facilitate the task of the Bureau of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme regarding the selection of the awards, the MAB International Coordinating Council (ICC) requests MAB National Committees to only endorse candidates that meet the criteria. The MAB-ICC also recommends that the selection process at the national level ensure a gender balance in candidates submitted to the MAB Bureau.

Please note that the applications for the 2016 Awards should reach the MAB Secretariat in Paris **no later than 31 October 2015**. As in previous years, all applications must 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 objectives and selection criteria of the Awards, as well as the application forms, are 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 2016  
Annex 2: MAB Young Scientists Awards Information Note