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Subject: **Application for 2020 MAB Young Scientists Awards (YSA)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may know, the International Coordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB-ICC) at its 29th session from 12 to 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).

Please find attached an application form for the 2020 Young Scientists Awards (Annex 1), and current objectives and the criteria regarding the selection of the Awards (Annex 2). In order to facilitate the task of the Bureau of MAB Programme 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 2020 Awards should reach the MAB Secretariat in Paris **no later than 13 December 2019**. 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 objectives and selection criteria of the Awards endorsed by the 29th session of the MAB-ICC, as well as the application forms, are available on the UNESCO-MABNet at the following address: <https://en.unesco.org/mab/awards#young-scientists>.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl.: Annex 1: Application form for the MAB Young Scientists Awards 2020
Annex 2: Information note on criteria and objectives