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Subject: **Programme of Participation in the activities of Member States
for 2020-2021**

Sir/Madam,

UNESCO's Participation Programme provides a means of supporting the national, subregional or regional activities of Member States that are in line with the Organization's programme priorities.

For the next biennium, I invite you to take particular account of the two global priorities set by the Organization, Africa and gender equality, as well as of the priorities identified in UNESCO's Programme for 2020-2021, in the preparation of your projects.

I should like to remind you that the funds approved for the Participation Programme in 2020-2021 will be used essentially for least developed countries (LDCs), developing countries, post-conflict and post-disaster countries, small island developing States (SIDS) and middle-income countries.

The deadlines set for the submission of requests are 28 February 2020 for African countries, least developed countries and small island developing States and 31 May 2020 for all other eligible countries and for non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO.

Requests must be submitted online (www.unesco.org/pp). The Participation Programme and Fellowships Section stands ready to provide you with any further information you may require.

There can be no further financial contributions in 2020-2021 until the Secretariat has received all the financial and evaluation reports on requests and emergency assistance allocated before 31 December 2019. This dispatch should be made by 30 March 2020 at the latest.

Projects approved in the form of financial contributions for the 2020-2021 biennium must be implemented by 31 December 2021 at the latest.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Audrey Azoulay
Director-General

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cc: National Commissions for UNESCO
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