To all Permanent Delegates
and Observers to UNESCO

cc: National
Commissions for
UNESCO

The Assistant Director-General
For Priority Africa and External Relations a.i.

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Sir/Madam,

Scientific institutions and research communities are fundamental pillars of sustainable development, innovation, and societal progress. To strengthen UNESCO's capacity to support Member States in building robust and resilient scientific ecosystems, and in preparation for the implementation of the Programme and Budget 43/C5, UNESCO is conducting a survey, under its emerging Science for Resilience and Preparedness (SRP) workstream, to understand better national science landscapes, institutional capacities, and preparedness frameworks.

This initiative aims to provide a clearer understanding of scientific assets, capabilities, and coordination mechanisms across Member States, to strengthen our collective ability to ensure scientific continuity and progress under diverse circumstances. The information gathered will enable UNESCO to work alongside Member States to deliver more targeted capacity-building support, facilitate international cooperation, and promote shared best practices.

UNESCO is committed to shaping initiatives that reflect the needs and priorities of its Member States, and your input is therefore essential. For ease of reference, the direct link to the online questionnaire is noted here:https://surveys.unesco.org/335329?lang=en.

Your feedback will be instrumental in helping us design a programme that responds to your priorities, addresses your expectations, and strengthens the role of science in society and policy-making. Your valuable insights will help ensure that our collaborative efforts are both targeted and effective. We would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire by 30 January 2026. We encourage you to disseminate this information among relevant national institutions and academic communities to support broad participation. Should you require further information or clarification, the secretariat is available at scienceresponse@unesco.org

Ms Amal Kasry, Chief of the Basic Sciences, Research, Innovation and Engineering Section (email : kasry@unesco.org), also remains available to respond to any inquiries you may have.

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

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