

**The Assistant Director-General
for Natural Sciences**

5 May 2025

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Dear Applicant,

I am pleased to inform you that your initiative, as listed in **Annex 1**, has been endorsed as a Programme of the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (IDSSD). Please accept my sincere congratulations on this achievement. Thank you for your engagement and commitment to the Science Decade, and we look forward to witnessing your continued support and contribution to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through science, technology, and innovation.

As you begin implementing your Programme, we would like to remind you of the IDSSD endorsement criteria, which include openness to new partners, ensuring that all data and resulting knowledge are made available through open access, and providing regular progress reports on the initiative's implementation to the Secretariat. As an endorsed Decade Initiative, we expect you to uphold these principles, demonstrating a strong commitment to open science, knowledge sharing, and international cooperation.

The following outlines the responsibilities of the partners leading the implementation of the corresponding initiative, as well as other relevant information and conditions related to the endorsement:

I. The endorsement of the initiative remains valid for the duration specified in your submission. If there are any significant changes to the initiative, particularly regarding its objectives and expected outputs, please advise the IDSSD Secretariat as soon as possible. The Secretariat will assess whether a subsequent endorsement evaluation is necessary.

II. By accepting this endorsement, **the initiative's Lead Institution(s) agrees to have the initiative's contact information and key details published on the IDSSD website and relevant platforms to facilitate communication and collaboration among endorsed initiatives and beyond.**

III. The initiative's Lead Institution(s) are responsible for ensuring effective coordination among stakeholders, facilitating the implementation of activities, mobilizing resources, conducting communication and outreach, and supporting monitoring efforts to ensure successful execution.

IV. The initiative's Lead Institution(s) are expected to proactively engage in fundraising efforts to secure sufficient resources for its successful implementation. If the secured resources deviate significantly from the financial model outlined in the original proposal, thereby affecting implementation, the IDSSD reserves the right to revoke its endorsement.

V. The initiative's Lead Institution(s) are expected to actively participate in regular review and reporting processes led by the IDSSD coordination structures, as outlined in the Strategic Plan, to ensure alignment with the initiative's objectives and continuous improvement.

As implementing partners of an IDSSD Programme, you are permitted to use the Science Decade logo in accordance with the branding guidelines on relevant materials and assets. However, please note that the logo usage must be strictly non-commercial, and you are not authorized to grant to or permit its use by any third party.

Again, on behalf of the Executive Committee, please accept my heartfelt congratulations on the endorsement of your IDSSD Initiative.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lidia Brito', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lidia Brito

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER – PLEASE PRINT ON YOUR INSTITUTIONAL LETTERHEAD AND SEND A SIGNED COPY TO unsd@unesco.org

Dear IDSSD Secretariat,

I confirm receipt of your letter dated [INSERT DATE] advising of the endorsement of [INSERT PROJECT/ PROGRAMME NAME] as an endorsed project/programme of the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (IDSSD). I have read and acknowledge my understanding of the information contained in the letter.

Sincerely,

[NAME AND TITLE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LEAD PARTNER OF THE PROJECT/PROGRAMME]

[DATE]