

To all Permanent Delegates  
and Observers to UNESCO

cc: National Commissions  
for UNESCO

**The Assistant Director-General  
for Priority Africa and External Relations**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

On 25 August 2023, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2024-2033 as the “International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development” (IDSSD), inviting UNESCO to lead its implementation. This Decade provides a unique opportunity to harness the full potential of sciences to pursue sustainable development and contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

To facilitate this important effort, we are launching a “Call for Initiatives”. We invite all stakeholders to submit proposals that contribute to the goals of the IDSSD through the dedicated IDSSD Platform: <https://surveys.unesco.org/735771?lang=en>. The deadline for submissions is **31 December 2024**. Please note that there will be two calls for initiatives each year, and we encourage you to regularly check the [IDSSD website](#) for updates.

In addition to this Call for Initiatives, we urge your country to **promote awareness** of the IDSSD at the national level. We recommend establishing a **National Committee** to coordinate efforts and consider **organizing local launch events or campaigns** to engage stakeholders.

We appreciate your commitment to promoting this Call for Initiatives, and we look forward to your active participation in making the IDSSD a success.

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