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Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
UNESCO Branch

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated 25 February, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Call for 2025 Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management.

The undersigned is directed to enclose UNESCO's email dated 20.02.2025 thereby forwarding letter No. SC/EES/ESP/2025/10 dated 17.02.2025 inviting to send applications for Call for 2025 Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management.

2. In this regard, it is requested that information enclosed with this communication may kindly be uploaded on the Ministry of Education's website for transmitting the offer to all concerned.

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25/2/2025
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Encl: As above.

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Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO
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UNESCO has called for nominations for the Call for 2025 Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management.

The **deadline for submission of nominations** for the Call for 2025 Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management is 14th May, 2025.

Applications may be forwarded to the Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) latest by 14th April, 2025 at the following address for further consideration and onward transmission to UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France by 14th May 2025 : -

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17 February 2025

Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences
Man and the Biosphere Programme

Ref: SC/EES/ESP/2025/10

Subject: **Call for 2025 Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve
Management**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to submit one case study from your Country for the above-mentioned Award **before 14 May 2025**, following the format indicated in the attached form of the present circular letter.

At its 29th session (held in UNESCO headquarters from 12 to 15 June 2017), the MAB Council decided that:

The Michel Batisse Award shall be awarded every two MAB Council sessions instead of at each Council session in order to increase the quality and number of applicants.

The amount of the Award would thus be increased to a total amount of USD 12,000 (twelve thousand US dollars).

This new procedure should be effective and implemented as from the 29th session of the MAB Council.

Please send your case study by email to (**mab@unesco.org**) using the enclosed form.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your support to the MAB Programme and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

Yours sincerely,

António De Sousa Abreu
Director, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences
Secretary, Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme

Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management

Application Form 2025

Please complete and sign your application form before mailing it to the MAB National Committee or National Commission for UNESCO in your home country for endorsement. The MAB National Committee or National Commission for UNESCO will make a selection and send the country's candidate to: MAB Secretariat, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, UNESCO, 7 place de Fontenoy 75352, Paris 07, France. Applications must be received by UNESCO **no later than 15 March 2025 to be eligible. Only applications in English and French are accepted. Applications that are not endorsed by a MAB National Committee or a National Commission for UNESCO are not eligible for consideration.**

The Michel Batisse Award ONLY acknowledges COMPLETED work ACCOMPLISHED within a Biosphere Reserve in the World Network. Case studies that concern future work will not be considered.

The completed application form must be less than 10 pages long. Annexes may be an additional 10 pages.

Please use Times New Roman font in 12 point size to respond to the following questions.

Each country may submit ONE candidate only.

1. Last name: _____ 2. First name: _____

3. Date of birth: _____

4. Sex: Male ___ / Female ___

5. Nationality: _____

6. Profession: _____

7. Responsibility in the Biosphere Reserve: _____

8. Full mailing address:

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address:

9. Title of Biosphere Reserve case study:

10. Presentation of work done: Description of the management issue that has been resolved in the Biosphere Reserve:

(Maximum 300 words)

[The work described should be a project which concentrates on the management of a biosphere reserve (as indicated in the name of the award) and not purely scientific research.]

11. Description of solutions and mitigation measures identified:

(Maximum 350 words)

12. Description of methods, mechanisms and approaches for implementing the solutions and mitigation measures identified above:

(Maximum 350 words)

13. Description of the innovative nature of methods and approaches used:

(Maximum 350 words)

14. Results and outcomes (if possible with indicators of success):

(Maximum 350 words)

15. Comparison of results and outcomes to those expected at the planning stage when solutions and mitigation measures were first identified.

(Maximum 300 words)

16. Describe the potential to apply these solutions and recommendations in other Biosphere Reserves.

(Maximum 350 words)

17. Lessons learned specifically for good practice and demonstration projects to share with the World Network of Biosphere Reserves:

(Maximum 350 words)

18. Bibliography:

19. Annexes and supporting documents:

APPLICATION ENDORSED BY THE PRESIDENT/SECRETARY OF THE MAB
NATIONAL COMMITTEE/NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO
(one candidate per country only)

FOR SUBMISSION TO UNESCO

(Date) (Signature of the President/Secretary of the MAB National Committee/National
Commission for UNESCO)

(Name of the President/Secretary of the MAB National Committee/National Commission for
UNESCO) and address:

Tel: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____