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Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences

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Man and the Biosphere Programme

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Subject: Call for 2023 Michel Bâtisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to submit one case study from your country for the abovementioned award **before 15 March 2023**.

In accordance with the decision of the MAB Council made during its 29th session (held in UNESCO Headquarters from 12 to 15 June 2017):

- 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 is 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,

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