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## The Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences

To:  
National Commissions for UNESCO

cc:  
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO  
UNESCO Field Offices

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Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General, I am pleased to inform you that, within the framework of the L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* Programme, we have launched the call for nominations for the 2022 International Awards.

The 2022 edition of the Awards will designate five outstanding scientific researchers in the life and environmental sciences. Each of the five Laureates will receive an award of €100,000 for her contribution to advances in scientific research at a ceremony to be held in March 2022.

Since the beginning of the programme in 1998, the L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* Awards have honoured 117 laureates, five of whom have also won the Nobel Prize.

Scientists around the world are invited to nominate candidates for the 2022 Awards, and an international jury of eminent scientists makes the final selection.

Given your Government's interest in the promotion and the enhancement of the L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* Programme, I would be grateful if you could transmit this call for nominations to renowned scientists, and partner institutions in your country, who would be likely to present candidates.

Nominations must be submitted **by Monday, 31 May 2021** through the dedicated online platform: [www.forwomeninscience.com](http://www.forwomeninscience.com).

The platform is the only tool for submitting candidates' applications and monitoring the selection process. No paper applications will be accepted. Please find attached the Rules and Regulations guiding the programme.

Nominators will have to sign into the platform and upload all the necessary documents in order to submit the candidate's application.

Following the implementation of a new application platform, nominators of previous editions will be asked to reset their password when they first log in, for data security reasons and in accordance with the GDPR. New nominators will need to create a user id and password.

Thank you for your active participation in ensuring that the best women researchers from each region are recognized and rewarded for their scientific excellence.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shamila Nair-Bedouelle" with a period at the end. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shamila Nair-Bedouelle

Annex: Rules and Regulations L'Oréal-UNESCO International Awards 2022