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The Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences

To all representatives of
the UNESCO Chairs in
Natural Sciences

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Dear Professors, Dear Colleagues,

I would like to inform you about the results of the Conference 'Mobilising UNESCO Chairs in Natural Sciences for Policy Action Towards the 2030 Agenda', held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 5 to 7 July 2017, in the context of the 25th anniversary of the UNESCO/UNITWIN Chairs Programme.

More than 100 representatives of the UNESCO Chairs, representing all regions and a wide range of scientific themes and fields of intervention linked to the Natural Sciences Sector, made this Conference a great success.

I take the opportunity to send you the 'Geneva Milestone'. The 'Geneva Milestone' highlights avenues to strengthen the contribution of the UNESCO Chairs and Networks in Natural Sciences to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

All updated information and outcome documents concerning the Conference and its follow-up, including the Geneva Milestone, the final programme, all pictures and posters, as well as the event report, can be found on the dedicated webpage: <https://en.unesco.org/sc-chairs-conference>

I am convinced that the momentum created by this Conference will contribute to a future reinforced cooperation between the Chairs and UNESCO towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

To this effect, an enlarged Scientific Committee, in collaboration with UNESCO, will prepare a draft Action Plan for your consultation, as outlined in the 'Geneva Milestone'.

I look forward to our continued collaboration in this noble task, and would like to thank you for your commitment to the UNESCO/UNITWIN Chairs Programme.

Yours sincerely,

Flavia Schlegel