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**To Non-Governmental Organizations,
official partners of UNESCO**

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Sir / Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the **Eighth International Forum of NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO** on climate change, which will take place at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on **7 and 8 December 2017**. The Forum's theme falls within the framework of the [updated UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change](#), approved by the UNESCO's Executive Board in April 2017, and the strong engagement of many NGOs in this area.

Organized by the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee in close cooperation with UNESCO Secretariat, in accordance with the Directives concerning UNESCO's partnership with non-governmental organizations (36 C/Res. 108) and with the support of several NGOs, the Forum is intended primarily for NGOs in official partnership with the Organization, but is open also to other NGOs and institutions, as well as to representatives of Member States.

Please find herewith the concept note, including a preliminary outline of the programme. The detailed programme and a document providing practical information will be communicated to you in due time. These documents and other relevant information will become available online on the UNESCO website and the website for the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee (www.ong-unesco.org). Requests for additional information should be addressed to the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee (e-mail: comite.liaison.ong@unesco.org).

If, as we hope, your Organization is in a position to participate in this Forum, we should be most grateful if you would kindly register your representatives online at www.ong-unesco.org, **by 1st December 2017 at the latest**. Kindly note that, as customary, the travel and living expenses of representatives must be borne by the organization they represent. Naturally, several representatives of the same NGO can register for the Forum.

We are very much counting on your presence and active participation in this Forum, and we invite you to disseminate this information to any other organizations and partners potentially interested to join this event.

Yours sincerely,

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