

**The Assistant Director-General
for Natural Sciences**

To all Permanent Delegates and
Observers to UNESCO

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**Subject: Celebration of the 2021 World Science Day for Peace and
Development**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you of the upcoming celebration in UNESCO of *World Science Day for Peace and Development*, which will be held online, on Friday 5 November 2021 from 13:00 to 15:00 (CEST).

World Science Day for Peace and Development, which is celebrated every year on 10 November, highlights the important role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. It underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives. The day also underscores the role scientists play in broadening our understanding of the remarkable, fragile planet we call home and in making our societies more sustainable.

With climate change becoming a serious threat to the lives of billions of people and the planet, this year the celebration will highlight the importance of **'building climate-ready communities'**.

We will be celebrating 2021 World Science Day, in the form of a webinar, which will include discussions on solutions for building climate-ready communities, with a broad range of speakers involved in UNESCO's international and intergovernmental science programmes. The second part of the programme will feature a roundtable on the theme of "Global Health in a Changing Environment" featuring winners of the 2022 L'Oréal-UNESCO Awards for Women in Science. Finally, the event will also provide the opportunity to present the winner of the UNESCO Kalinga Prize for Popularization of Science.

The webinar will be held on the zoom platform in English and French. The registration link and further information are available at <https://events.unesco.org/event?id=1785331746>.

I look forward for your participation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shamila Nair-Bedouelle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a period at the end.

Shamila Nair-Bedouelle

cc: National Commissions for UNESCO