

25 June 2024

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Subject: **First consultation on the implementation of the 2021 Recommendation on Open Science**

Madam/Sir,

Under Article VIII of UNESCO's Constitution, Member States are required to submit regular reports on the measures they have taken to implement the conventions and recommendations adopted by the Organization.

In this context, I invite your Government to submit its report on the 2021 Recommendation on Open Science, in English or French, **no later than 28 February 2025**. Attached you will find guidelines to assist your authorities in submitting the report. Regional online sessions will also be organized to provide further guidance on report preparation.

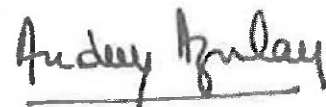
Member States are encouraged to organize all necessary consultations with relevant ministries and institutions as well as with key stakeholders, including professional associations, civil society partners, private sector entities and National Commissions for UNESCO.

In addition, Member States are requested to designate a contact person responsible for information sharing and cooperation with UNESCO regarding reports on the 2021 Recommendation on Open Science. Member States should inform the Secretariat of this designation by 20 July 2024 at the latest at: openscience@unesco.org.

The Secretariat will present the first global report on Member States' application of this Recommendation for examination at the 222nd session of the Executive Board in autumn 2025. This report, together with the comments of the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, will subsequently be submitted to the 43rd session of the General Conference in 2025.

The Natural Sciences Sector remains at your disposal for any further information you may require.

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



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Director-General

Encl.: *Guidelines for the preparation of the reports from Member States on the implementation of the 2021 Recommendation on Open Science*

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