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The Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences

To:

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cc:

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Sir/Madam,

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 International Awards 2021.

The 2021 edition of the Awards will designate five outstanding scientific researchers in the Physical Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Science. Each of the five Laureates will receive an award of €100,000 for her great contribution to advances in scientific research. They will be celebrated in a ceremony to be held in March 2021.

Since the beginning of the programme in 1998, the L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* Awards have honored 112 laureates, including three who won the Nobel Prize.

Scientists around the world are invited to nominate candidates, 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 could present and nominate the most qualified candidates through the online dedicated platform: <https://www.forwomeninscience.com/en/awards>.

The platform is very user-friendly and is the only tool available for the submission of the candidates' applications and later for the selection process.

The nominators will have to sign into the platform and upload all the necessary documents in order to submit the candidate's application. If new to the system, the nominator will need to create a user id and password.

In the Annex you will find the Rules and Regulations guiding the programme. **The deadline for submitting nominations is Sunday, 31 May 2020.** Please note that the Jury will consider only nominations received through the online platform and prior to this deadline. No paper applications will be accepted.

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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a period at the end.

Shamila Nair-Bedouelle

Annex: Rules and Regulations L'Oréal-UNESCO International Awards 2021