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**The Assistant Director-General
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To the Permanent Delegates and
Observers to UNESCO

cc: National Commissions for
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Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General I am pleased to invite you to "UNESCO's Partners Forum, a Structured Financing Dialogue", on 11 and 12 September 2018 at UNESCO's Headquarters in Paris.

UNESCO's Partners Forum is an invitation to existing and potential partners to engage with UNESCO on the ambitious objectives of its programme to advance peace and sustainable development through education, the sciences, culture and communication and information.

Through the eyes of UNESCO's partners, the meeting will offer a forum to learn about UNESCO's programme, and its unique role in achieving the 2030 Agenda, as well as to identify concrete entry points for enhanced cooperation and partnership.

The Forum will also provide a holistic picture of the way UNESCO's programme is financed and of the Organization's overall partnership landscape. Updated information will be made available on the status of resourcing of each expected result under UNESCO's programme, as well as on donors and partners currently collaborating with UNESCO.

We count very much on the support of UNESCO Member States in making of this first Structured Financing Dialogue (SFD) open to non-Member State partners a success. In this relation, and in line with the SFD principle of donor diversification, we would like to take advantage of the event to introduce UNESCO to potential partners. Your timely suggestions as to potential public and private partners from your Member State to be included in the invitation list would be sincerely appreciated in this regard. We suggest that such contacts be established at working level (director or equivalent).

Your suggestions and any questions relating to the "UNESCO Partners Forum" may be sent to SFDpartnersmeeting@unesco.org.

On-line registration and further details on the programme are accessible at the following web page: <http://on.unesco.org/partnersforum2018>

A concept note on the Forum in English and French is enclosed for your information. Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and Russian language versions will also be made available shortly on the above web site.

With my best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Nicolas Kassianides