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TO THE MEMBERS OF

- **THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL (ISC)**
- **THE INTERACADEMY PARTNERSHIP (IAP)**
- **THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ENGINEERING ORGANIZATIONS (WFEO)**

CALL FOR REVIEWERS: 2019 UN GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT (GSDR)

Dear Members,

The International Science Council (ISC), the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) and the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) together invite nominations for reviewers of the 2019 Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR).

Within the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the GSDR contributes to the follow-up and review of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and will provide input to the High Level Political Forum. The GSDR aims to strengthen the science-policy interface and provide a strong evidence-based instrument to support policymakers in promoting poverty eradication and sustainable development. The GSDR-2019 has been drafted by an Independent Group of Experts appointed by the UN Secretary General, including (in alphabetical order): Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue (Cameroon), Ernest G. Foli (Ghana), Eeva Furman (Finland), Amanda Glassman (USA), Gonzalo Hernández Licona (Mexico), Eun Mee Kim (Korea), Wolfgang Lutz (Austria), Peter Messerli (Switzerland), Jean-Paul Moatti (France), Endah Murniningtyas (Indonesia), Katherine Richardson (Denmark), Muhammad Saidam (Jordan), David Smith (Jamaica), Jurgis Kazimieras Staniškis (Lithuania) and Jean-Pascal van Ypersele (Belgium). More information on the GSDR is available in Annex A (below) and at: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/globalsdreport/>

The reviewers must be nominated by a member organization of the ISC, IAP and/or WFEO and they should be active in relevant research, with an emphasis on trans-disciplinary approaches and policy expertise. They should also have **knowledge of international/UN processes**. Reviews should be submitted in English. The reviewers will act in a personal capacity.

UNDESA anticipates that the review period will be **February 27 – March 27, 2019**. A template for providing comments will be provided. Reviewers will be asked to ensure that the approximately 100-page GSDR:

- addresses the most pressing issues identified by research related to achieving Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);



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- achieves a balance between conclusions derived from different disciplines and relevant to achieving the SDGs, and;
- that the overall balance in the messages being sent by the GSDR reflects a general consensus in the scientific and technological community at large regarding not only the SDG-related challenges confronting the global community, but also the pathways and levers that can be employed to address these challenges.

As the process is aimed at achieving a balance of perspectives and expertise, we would like to encourage our Members to submit nominations taking into account age, gender and geographical balance. More than one nomination can be submitted.

All the proposed reviewers will be invited to review the report; other experts will be sought to participate in the process in order to ensure diversity and representation of expertise.

If you would like to nominate a reviewer, please complete the attached Annex B and submit it by **Monday 11 February 2019 to GSDRreview@gmail.com**.

Further information and/or clarifications can be sought from:

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Thank you,

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Annex A Additional details on the Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) 2019

Background

Paragraph 85 of the outcome document of Rio+20 (“The Future We want”) lists functions for the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF), including to “strengthen the science-policy interface through review of documentation, bringing together dispersed information and assessments, including in the form of a global sustainable development report, building on existing assessments”.

In July 2016, in the Ministerial Declaration of HLPF, UN Member States agreed that the GSDR would become a quadrennial report drafted by an independent group of scientists (IGS) supported by a task team of six UN agencies (DESA, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, and the World Bank). The members of the IGS were appointed by then Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon in December 2016 (profiles of the 15 IGS members are [here](#)).

The GSDR, which will be launched at the first head-of-state level HLPF in September 2019 (information [here](#)), is meant to advance implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to serve as a major input to Member States’ follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda. It is complemented in the area of science, technology and innovation (STI) by the work of the UN Technology Facilitation Mechanism (see more information [here](#)).

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1. Introduction (including levers for change: governance, finance, behaviour, technology)
2. Areas for Transformation
 - a. Human wellbeing
 - b. Sustainable economies
 - c. Sustainable energy
 - d. Food, water and nutrition
 - e. Urban development
 - f. Global commons
3. Role of Science
4. Policy Recommendations



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Annex B REVIEWER NOMINATION FORM

Nominating organization:

Member of (select all that apply): ISC _____ IAP _____ WFEO _____

Nominating officer:

Nominating officer email address:

Nominated reviewer details:

- name:
- gender:
- affiliation:
- suitability (200 words max):
- email address:
- phone number:
- Do you wish to remain anonymous? YES _____ NO _____

Kindly confirm the reviewer's availability to review the GSDR report in the review-period indicated (27 February – 27 March 2019).

YES _____ NO _____