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Dear Dr. Ljubisa Bojic,

UNEP is embarking on the development of a strategic foresight initiative and aims to establish an institutionalised approach to foresight and horizon scanning to develop an anticipatory and future oriented culture. Part of the process will require the use of an expert panel to help draw insights from the data and information collated and is being established in the context of UNEP's Programme of work. It is my pleasure to invite you to participate as a member of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Foresight Expert Panel, which is being established in cooperation with the the International Science Council (ISC). This will strengthen UNEP's capacity, supported by the active international community mobilized by the ISC, to navigate current and future uncertainty and disruptive change, while effectively delivering on its mandate.

The Expert Panel is expected to aid in processes to identify and evaluate emerging issues and signals of change, including opportunities. The work of the Panel will culminate into a Global Report, co-branded with the ISC, to be published in 2024. It is also expected that the Report together with the insights and recommendations of the Panel will inform the deliberations of the [sixth UN Environment Assembly](#) in February 2024 and the [Summit of the Future](#) in September 2024.

Further to the information provided in the terms of reference, the Expert Panel is expected to meet in up to 8 online meetings, and to attend two in-person meetings, **the first of which is scheduled to take place from 21 to 22 September 2023 in Paris, France**. UNEP will support your participation in the in-person meetings, covering the full cost of your economy round-trip ticket based on the most direct and economical route to the meeting destination. We will provide you with a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for your accommodation and meals for the duration of the meeting as well as Terminal Expenses to cater for your incidentals and local transport expenses based on UN rules and regulations.

You are kindly requested to confirm your availability to participate in the Expert Panel as well as to confirm your availability to participate in the upcoming in-person meeting in September 2023 as soon as possible but no later than **31 July 2023**. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at unep-chiefscientist@un.org and ISC_Foresight@council.science.

I would like to thank you for your support to the work of the United Nations Environment Programme and the underpinning contribution by the ISC. We look forward to your participation in the Foresight Expert Panel.

Yours sincerely,



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Encl: Foresight Expert Panel terms of reference
Presentation on UNEP Foresight Trajectory

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