

Subject: Registration of Mozambique on Activities of International Year of Planet Earth

Dear Sir,

Under the framework of the International Year of Planet Earth, the government Mozambique has shown interest in participating on activities scheduled for celebrating that international year. As such, the preparatory arrangements are taking place towards setting up a National Committee which will be responsible for the implementation of activities to be carried out in Mozambique. At this stage, there are five Ministries, namely (Ministry Mineral Resources and Energy, Ministry of Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Public Works and Housing and Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Tourism involved in preparatory activities. Many national scientific institutions and associations will be involved as well as outstanding science-related personalities.

We can say that there is a huge enthusiasm among the institutions in participating in this important international event.

In these terms, the Mozambique National Commission for UNESCO which is also involved since the very initial moment of discussions on this issue, has been assigned the responsibility to get more information from you on the following matters:

- What are necessary steps for signing the Memorandum of Understanding
- Which institution (I mean IUGS, UNESCO or Secretariat of IYPE) to be contacted for the signing of Memorandum of Understanding
- How to enlist our country in the activities of International Year of Planet Earth
- After the setting of National Committee what are the necessary steps to be done?

As Mozambique is strongly interested in taking part in the activities, we would like to get your prompt reply as soon as possible.

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

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