



APPLICATION GUIDELINES: UNESCO Biosphere Excursion

Contribute to innovative environmental management in Ethiopia and the United Arab Emirates – Education in sustainable human living!



Procedure:

Applications can only be considered if all the applicant's criteria are met and if all the described procedures are followed! Applicants are responsible themselves to ensure complete, correct and on time submission of all necessary documents.

- Applicants have to send their application via email to br.application@unesco.org
- Four documents are needed for a valid application: Curriculum vitae (CV), university diploma or official transcript of records, correctly filled in application form (download [here](#)) and a motivational letter which answers three questions (see next page: needed documents)
- The application deadline is 31. August 2015
- Telephone interviews will be held with selected candidates
- Applicants will be informed via email if they have been selected to participate in the program. Participants will then have to sign a formal agreement with UNESCO.
- The selection of candidates will be conducted by a selection committee, based on a point system. A balanced distribution of gender, background and origin is anticipated. The final decision to accept an applicant rests with the UNESCO Addis Ababa Office.
- For further questions that couldn't be answered after reading all documents and the frequently asked questions (FAQs), please contact: vm.hansel@unesco.org

Needed documents:

- **Curriculum vitae (CV)**

- **University diploma or official transcript of records**

Please attach a scan of your latest university diploma, listing grades and taken courses. In case you are still an undergraduate student, please send an official transcript of records from your university, stating successfully completed courses and their grades.

- **Registration form (download [here](#))**

Please make sure that you enter all requested data in the way it is requested in the form. In most cases examples are given for the data fields.

- **Motivational letter, answering three specific questions:**

1. What is your main motivation to participate in this program? (max. 150 words)

Please state briefly why you would want to participate.

2. What would be your preferred overarching research topic for the two excursions and how is it relevant in relation to biosphere reserves? (max. 150 words)

All participants will carry out small research assignments in each site visited. Those will include individual tasks as well as group work. To connect those different assignments and individual works, overarching topics for groups of participants will be chosen. Examples of those overarching topics could be: water management, ecotourism or institutional embedding, but a broad variety of topics is conceivable. For this section please explain briefly your preferred topic and why you think it is relevant in the context of biosphere reserves.

3. What are your initial ideas for a multiplier project, that you would need to carry out between excursion part one and part two? (max. 150 words)

Between the two excursions (time frame is November 2015 to April 2016), all participants are asked to carry out a project within their local community or institution. The principal idea is to let each participant bring home lessons learnt from the excursion, to enlarge the group of beneficiaries. Those projects can either be directly linked to activities of one of the places visited, or generally aim at the improvement of environmental management or awareness. In this section, briefly mention preliminary ideas for a project that you would like to carry out during that time.

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