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## The Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences

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To: Permanent Delegations and National Commissions of UNESCO

Madam/Sir,

I am very pleased to inform you that Airbus, together with UNESCO, is running the 5th Fly Your Ideas (FYI) Competition, beginning this year. This exciting competition challenges students across the globe to develop new ideas for the eco-efficient aviation industry of the future by stimulating youth to create solutions for the future of aviation.

In the last four editions, more than 15,000 students from 600 universities in more than 100 countries worldwide took part in the competition. I would really appreciate your support in sharing this opportunity within your country and throughout your network.

- With Fly Your Ideas, Airbus challenges students worldwide to innovate for the future of aviation;
- teams of 3 to 5 students, of any discipline or study level, may register and submit their ideas, as from 31 May 2016;
- this UNESCO-backed contest comprises three progressively challenging rounds. The first round consists of a simple online presentation regarding their idea which students must submit;
- in rounds two and three, teams have the opportunity to work with Airbus mentors and experts, and develop key employability skills such as team work, project management and communication;
- the final round will take place in May 2017, when the top selected teams will work with Airbus to create a prototype or visualization and present their ideas to a panel of Airbus and industry experts;
- the winner of Fly Your Ideas 2017 will receive the top prize of €30,000, while the runner-up will be awarded €15,000;
- You can find more information on the competition at <http://www.airbus-fyi.com/>.

I would like to ask you to forward this letter to all relevant bodies and networks in your countries, so that we can have as many students from around the world as possible participating in this year's edition.

For more information, I invite you kindly to contact Ms Rovani Sigamoney, Engineering Assistant Programme Specialist in the Section for Capacity-Building in Science and Engineering of the Natural Sciences Sector (tel: +33 1 4568 3932; fax: +33 1 4568 5821; e-mail: [r.sigamoney@unesco.org](mailto:r.sigamoney@unesco.org)).

Looking forward to your support and your dissemination of this information so that many students from your country can participate, I ask you to please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my high consideration.



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