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**MAB Strategy Group (MSG)**

**Announcement**

**Second Draft**

**Lima Action Plan for UNESCO’s Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme and its**

**World Network of Biosphere Reserves (2016-2025)**

The MSG was glad to receive many comments and inputs with regard to the First Draft of the Lima Action Plan in response to the MAB Circular Letter dated 23 September 2015. Having reviewed all of these contributions in detail, the MSG is pleased to announce the release of the Second Draft (attached).

In preparing the Second Draft, the MSG has tried to keep the Action Plan concise and focused on the MAB Strategy 2015-2025. While some new actions and other modifications proposed by stakeholders have been included, some actions were not retained as they were too country-specific and therefore more appropriate for National Action Plans.

In conformity with MAB Circular Letter of 23 September 2015, the MSG looks forward to reviewing comments on the Second Draft. In order to ensure that the final draft of the Action Plan is ready for consideration at the 4th World Congress on Biosphere Reserves, we request that all comments are submitted to the MAB Secretariat by 11 January 2016.

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