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Subject: Invitation to the Young Female Scientist Programme in Japan

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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development sets ambitious global goals, demanding unprecedented actions and efforts across multiple interconnected social, economic and environmental issues. Science, technology and innovation (STI) will play a central role in achieving these goals.

Against this background, the [Young Female Scientist Programme](#) was launched in 2020 by United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in collaboration with Okayama University in Japan. The Young Female Scientist Programme aims to build human capital in STI-related fields in developing countries through educational programmes and contribute to achieving Sustainable Development Goals. The Programme offers five eligible young female scientists from Africa, Southeast Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean to engage in cutting-edge research activities at Okayama University in Japan for 14 to 30 days.

In this connection, UNCTAD and Okayama University will match faculty members and teams with applicants' research interests. Successful applicants will travel to Japan between October and December 2025, depending on the availability of receiving faculty and participants. The Programme start date and duration will vary for each participant.


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His Excellency
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We are pleased to invite you to nominate one candidate from your country for this programme. Please send us the candidate's name, Nomination Form, and Application Form, together with a complete CV and list of publications, to Ms. Eugenia Núñez, Economic Affairs Officer, Division on Technology and Logistics (DTL), UNCTAD (sticourses@un.org) before 15 April 2025.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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Attachments:

1. Nomination Procedure
2. Nomination Form
3. Application Form