Youth for Reconnecting with Nature
Together... we build our resilience...
An initiative of UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science in the Arab States & ArabMab Network

UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science in the Arab States in Cairo in collaboration with UNESCO’s ArabMAB Network is launching ‘Youth for Reconnecting with Nature - Together... we build our resilience...’ Initiative to encourage youth living in Biosphere Reserves to connect with youth in the villages, towns and cities located beyond biosphere reserves to share their appreciation and love of nature for strengthening resilience and reinventing a new way of life in an era of COVID-19.

Did you know that each of UNESCO Biosphere Reserves in the ArabMAB Network is a small world per se where people live in harmony with the natural world and their neighborhood? Have you ever imagined that Biosphere Reserves are vital spaces holding all sorts of wonders including plants and animals that maintain the cycle of life and preserve the interconnectedness between sentient beings and their surroundings?

UNESCO Biosphere Reserves remain vital places for promoting companionship whereby local communities strive to protect their lands and conserve all sorts of ecosystem services for both human existence and economic and social well-being and health. The Youth Initiative of the ArabMAB Network aims to extend the companionship and outreach to cities, towns and villages including protected areas and natural parks to re-enforce the relationship between Youth of the Biosphere Reserves and those living in villages, towns and cities beyond the boundaries of these reserves. It also aims to raise awareness of citizens on the nature surrounding them through the eyes of the youth local communities.

As part of this Initiative, we invite all youth living in biosphere reserves to take pictures or short videos from their biosphere reserves featuring nature, plants, animals, landscapes or moments spent in the biosphere reserve in times of COVID-19 crisis and after. The selected pictures and videos shall then be shared on social media and UNESCO websites.

If interested, please submit your photos (4 photos, each photo with length and width: 20x30cm; more than 2MB) and videos (1 to 3 minutes) with your full name, e-mail address, and biosphere reserve name and the country to the following email address: cairo@unesco.org, with a copy to: e.sattout@unesco.org
If you are submitting photos: Please add a capture to your photo, it can be the name of the plant or animal using your local language, a sentence inspired from your visit or just one inspiring word.

If you are submitting a short video, please add a script to the video (e.g. Hi my name is [...], Age?, I am from [name BR] in [country], [what will you do to protect/conserve the nature where you live]) with the storyline behind it.

For more information, kindly send your inquiry to the following email address: cairo@unesco.org with a copy to: e.sattout@unesco.org