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Dr. Tomasz Bergier
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Challenges of Sustainable Development in Poland
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Wroclaw, Poland

Dear Dr. Bergier

This letter supports the organizers of the Challenges of Sustainable Development (ChoSD) project in Poland and declares the involvement of the International Institute for Applied systems Analysis (IIASA) in the realization of this initiative.

IIASA is a multi-national organization devoted to interdisciplinary, policy-oriented research focusing on selected aspects of environmental, economic, technological and social issues in the context of global change. IIASA's research is organized around fields of policy importance rather than academic disciplines and serves as a neutral forum for sustained investigation and discussion of global and international issues. This research supports IIASA's mission – to provide science-based insight into complex global problems.

IIASA must operate on the leading edge of research, so it also has a responsibility to train a new generation of scholars. Thus, IIASA is committed to involving young scholars who are in the early stages of their careers in the methods and findings of IIASA's research and to introduce them to the international dimensions of its issues. This responsibility is reflected in various programs offered to young scholars at IIASA and in programmes it supports internationally.

As part of our cooperation with the ChoSD organizers the IIASA commits to the following activities:

- To support the ChoSD organizers in planning and organizing the project, especially by sharing the IIASA's knowledge and expertise in sustainable development and education, and by providing instruction in areas of IIASA's expertise;
- To assess the quality of the didactic process and products (publications, www portal);

Sincerely,



Dr. Joanne Bayer, authorized signatory in the absence of

Dr. Detlof von Winterfeld

Director,

IIASA