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Mrs Magdalene Anene-Maidoh
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Dear Mrs Anene-Maidoh,

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A UNESCO CHAIR IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND
AGRICULTURE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT AFE BABALOLA
UNIVERSITY ADO-EKITI

The Federal University of Lavras Minas Gerais State Brazil is pleased to provide this letter in support of the proposal from Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) to establish a UNESCO Chair a UNESCO Chair in Entrepreneurship and Agriculture for Sustainable Development

In our present world there is a growing recognition that sustainable intensification of agricultural production systems and their successful adaptation to changes in climate will depend upon the improved access to and use of genetic diversity. The Federal University of Lavras strongly believes that this Chair is an excellent proposal that would make a valuable contribution to entrepreneurship education and sustainability in agriculture through the development and nurturing of entrepreneurship activities that place emphasis on farmers' capacity to access, use, conserve and exchange natural resources, and particularly crop resources.

We give support to the objectives of the Chair to encourage the use of more green energy as an enabler in the fields of agriculture and livestock, to use research and training to make farming to be economically viable and ecologically sustainable, to promote and encourage education, research and exchange of academic staff, and to create a platform for information exchange in all the most important UNESCO activities.

With kind regards

Thank you

Yours Sincerely

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