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Motivation Statement - Regional Representative for Eastern Africa position

As an active member of Rwanda Association Monitoring and Evaluation Organization (RMEO) since its creation, I am deeply interested in serving AfrEA as a Board member because I am passionate about advancing the field of evaluation in Africa. I believe that AfrEA is well placed to play a crucial role in promoting evaluation excellence and enhancing capacities across the continent, and I am eager to contribute to these efforts.

I am an experienced M&E professional with 15 years working with international organizations in both humanitarian and development contexts. During those years, I have been equipped with relevant skills including a strong background in evaluation methodologies, project management, and strategic planning. I have extensive experience working in diverse sectors and regions within Africa, which has equipped me with a deep understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities related to evaluation on the continent. I have coordinated and led qualitative and quantitative surveys including impact evaluations of different projects, working with academic and research institutions. In partnership with Stanford University, I am a co-author of 2-year Randomized Control Trial for a Literacy Boost project in Rwanda. In collaboration with the University of Massachusetts, I coordinated qualitative and quantitative components of the cluster-randomized control trial for a Girls' Education program in the Democratic Republic of Congo. I have successfully developed and rolled out M&E plans and frameworks.

As representative for Eastern Africa, I will support AfrEA in achieving its mission of promoting evaluation professionalism, fostering knowledge exchange, and driving positive change across Africa. I am committed to working collaboratively with fellow Board members to advance AfrEA's objectives and strengthen the impact of evaluation practices in Africa. My fluency in both English and French are an asset to ensure collaboration with fellow evaluators across the continent.

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