Nominee Statement: **Dereje Mamo Tsegaye**

I am writing to express my strong interest and motivation in serving as a Board Member, specifically for the Vice President position, of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA). AfrEA's mission to strengthen evaluation capacity across Africa deeply resonates with me. I understand the crucial role AfrEA plays in supporting National Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs) to build advanced evaluation capacity, promoting Africa-rooted and Africa-led evaluation by sharing unique perspectives and experiences, encouraging high-quality evaluation practice and theory, facilitating collaboration and knowledge exchange among evaluators, policymakers, researchers, and development professionals, and empowering members to influence national M&E policy and representing Africa on the global M&E stage.

My background aligns perfectly with AfrEA's goals. My academic qualification in health monitoring and evaluation provides a strong foundation. Additionally, my leadership experience in the Ethiopian Monitoring and Evaluation Association (EMEM) and the Ethiopian Evaluation Association (EEvA) has equipped me with valuable skills in partnership building and networking, capacity building and training, and resource mobilization.

My extensive experience conducting program evaluations with the Ethiopian Ministry of Health, South Sudan, and various implementing partners and UN organizations has further enhanced my expertise in National and sub-national levels of program management, planning, and coordination. Adapting to diverse local contexts.

Beyond my qualifications, I am driven by a deep passion for contributing to AfrEA's initiatives. I am confident that my skills, experience, and commitment would enable me to make a significant contribution to AfrEA's success in achieving its organizational objectives and core commitments.

I am eager to discuss my qualifications further and would be honored to be considered for the Vice President position.