

# EDDAH KANINI

## Nominee Statement

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This letter serves as my nominee statement expressing my sincere interest in serving as the Treasurer on the AfrEA board. I have multifaceted competence in Organizational Development, Monitoring, Evaluation and gender specialization and training but also have a background in accounting. I have a proven track record of managing financial responsibilities of various networks and forums and I am currently the treasurer of Africa Gender and Development Evaluators Network (AGDEN).

### **Interest in serving AfrEA Board as the Treasurer**

I wish to express my interest to serve on the AfrEA Board as the treasurer. Over the past two years, I have made contribution in the following areas as the regional representative on the AfrEA board.

**Capacity building:** I have had the opportunity to mentor other evaluators globally through Mentorship programs, webinars, gLOCAL forums and face to face training on various topics and themes. Lately, I proudly mentored a number of Young and Emerging Evaluators on collecting indigenous stories as well as writing these as conference abstracts. All of whom had their abstracts submitted and accepted for presentation at the 11<sup>th</sup> AfrEA Conference of 2024. I believe there are still many more who would benefit from mentorship and coaching in different thematic areas. I have also built the capacity of Sierra Leone in developing their Association, electing the leaders and coming up with guiding documents.

**Strengthening AfrEA's Partnership and Collaboration:** I was humbled to represent AfrEA in the APNODE Executive committee and have been committed to make a contribution in various planned activities, volunteering to review their strategic plan and give recommendation. As part

of the team, we created a sustainable sister relationship with American Evaluation Association DRG TIG through signing a promulgation and ensuring consistently conducting meetings, webinars and activities for the benefits of members from AfrEA and AEA as well as others from different organizations, globally.

### **Relevant skills and abilities to serve in AfrEA**

I bring the following values to AfrEA. I have developed solid financial acumen and a keen eye for detail, ensuring accuracy in financial reporting and budgetary control. My experience in keeping the books of accounting for various organizations has equipped me with the skills necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of a treasurer.

**Strong Sense of Integrity and Ethics:** Over the years, as I served as the treasurers of different organizations, I have been commitment to ethical practices and transparency in financial reporting and decision-making. In one of the networks, I pride myself as having facilitated the first ever audit in over ten years and having come up with the tool to track the withdrawals of the money. In all my undertakings, I have not been shy to voluntarily but firmly provide advice and recommendation on the best way possible to uphold integrity such as the need for quality data, documentations, good planning, and adhering to the set regulations.

**Digital Technology and AI Proficiency:** I bring in these vital skills which are now required in all roles especially in Evaluation and in a treasurer's role. I am trained in Artificial intelligence by the Ministry of ICT in Kenya and very well proficient in use of other technologies and software. These comes in handy, since as a treasurer, I will leverage these insights to make informed decisions, optimize cash flow, and identify potential risks or opportunities.

As a professional trained in strategic planning, I will use the digital skills to conduct scenario analysis, and assess the impact of various financial strategies for good financial plans and eventually for achieving long-term financial goals. My proficiency in these technologies will contribute to AfrEAs ability to innovate, stay agile, and thrive in a rapidly changing environment.

**Empowering Teams and Mentorship:** I am skilled in mentorship and have had the opportunity to mentor not only M&E professional but also the youth groups and entrepreneurs in preparation of Global Entrepreneurship Summit which saw a number of them pitch in the forum initiated and braced by the then POTUS Barack Obama. Over the last two years, I have mentored emerging evaluators in conducting indigenous evaluations and penning this down as abstracts. Over five

mentees have successfully written their first conference abstract and will present in the AfrEA conference among other forums.

**Practical skills and competence in M&E:** Through training, working and voluntary services I have built my M&E capacity and competence. And I have given back to the community through building others competencies particularly my mentees, research assistants, M&E officers in the public and private sectors alike. One can only build others if he/she have the know how to do so. I have the experience of conducting evaluations such as the baseline, mid-term, formative, and end term evaluations. As well as reviews and strategic plan development among other practices. My contribution has enhanced good governance, organizational development and change management and I still want to make these contributions through the role of a treasurer.

**Communication Skills and Knowledge Sharing:** I bring my ability to communicate complex information in a clear and accessible manner to non-financial members and stakeholders and a strong interpersonal skill to work collaboratively with other board members, the secretariat, VOPEs and stakeholders in making well-informed financial decisions.

Given the dynamic and diverse experience and skills, I believe if entrusted with the opportunity, I will carry the roles of a treasurer within AFR EA to the highest caliber. I look forward to serve and I am confident in my ability to contribute effectively to the board.