



March 3rd, 2024

The Independent Electoral Committee (IEC)
African Evaluation Association (AfrEA)
36 Kofi Annan Avenue, North Legon,
Accra, Ghana

Dear Sirs,

Recommendation for Eddah Kanini: AfrEA 2024 Elections

I am writing on behalf of the Africa Gender & Development Evaluators Network (AGDEN).

Eddah Kanini has informed the Executive Committee that she is interested in contesting the 2024 AfrEA elections for the position of **Treasurer**.

As a bona fide member of AGDEN, this letter of recommendation is written in her support. This is one of the primary benefits of membership of the network and we are delighted to provide it. I have had the privilege of interacting with Eddah in a variety of spaces and assignments and in more than in my current position of Interim Chair of the AGDEN Executive Committee.

Eddah and I belong to three global evaluation groups namely, **IDEAS**, **EVALS** and **EvalIndigenous**. At the continental level, we are both in AfrEA and AGDEN. Before Eddah joined AGDEN she had, in her position as a member of the Thematic Group on Gender and Equity focused Evaluation (GEFE) of the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS), initiated a partnership with AGDEN to implement an innovation challenge project funded by IOCE entitled '**Expanding Democratic Spaces for more Inclusive and Equitable Governance: Integrating Gender-Responsiveness and Equity-Focus into Legislation through Evaluation**'. The project brought parliamentarians, parliamentary staff and staff of the Monitoring and Evaluation Department (MED), the Treasury, together for the purpose of improving M & E practices in parliament. The Parliamentary Caucus on Evidence Informed Decision Making (PC-EIDM), Kenya, was a key partner in this project. This was well before Eddah became the treasurer of AGDEN. She is currently and concurrently serving as the Secretary General of MEPAK, and the Eastern Africa Representative on the AfrEA Board. I have shared presentation platforms with Eddah as well as collaborated on organising teams and a variety of other tasks.

I have listed all this to show that I know Eddah and can testify to her wide-ranging skills, competencies and soothing personality. Eddah's quiet, competent, calm, generous and cooperative disposition make her a valuable team player and a great addition to any leadership team, especially one which wishes to deliver results. She is generous with her knowledge and her associational experience is in the 95th percentile and as such she will bring to the AfrEA Board all the benefits of learning from these various spaces and dimensions.

Her professional experience as an evaluator is also thematically and geographically extensive and she can thus speak on behalf of and represent the constituency of African evaluators with a global audience on a broad number of subject areas confidently.

Eddah's strong communication skills will be an asset to the AfrEA Board that will enhance AfrEA's visibility and influence.

We have no doubt that Eddah Kanini possesses the qualities, experience, and dedication necessary to be the Treasurer of AfrEA.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of AGDEN, I wholeheartedly recommend her for the position of Treasurer.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Florence Etta', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Florence Etta
Interim Chair,
Africa Gender and Development Evaluators Network (AGDEN)