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To the Nominations Committee, African Evaluation Association (AfrEA) 36 Kofi Annan Avenue North Legon Accra Ghana

RE: Letter of support for Moses Mashingaidze for the position of Southern African Representative

Dear Members of the Nominations Committee,

I am writing to express our support for the nomination of Moses Mashingaidze, a distinguished legacy board member of the South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association (SAMEA), to join the board of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA). Mr Mashingaidze was an executive board member for three years from 2021 - 2023, and the Vice Chair from 2022-2023.

Mr. Mashingaidze has been an invaluable asset to SAMEA, bringing a wealth of experience, knowledge, and dedication to the field of monitoring and evaluation. Throughout his tenure, he demonstrated exceptional leadership, strategic thinking, and a deep commitment to advancing the practice and profession of evaluation in South Africa and beyond.

His contributions to SAMEA have been instrumental in shaping our organization's direction and impact. Mr Mashingaidze has played a pivotal role in capacitating emerging evaluators and connecting them to career opportunities, and promoting capacity building for the SAMEA membership through short courses. He currently contributes significantly to the M&E for Adaptive Management and Continuous Learning, M&E for Just Transition, and Made in Africa portfolios. Alongside his current pursuit to obtain a Ph.D. in Evaluation,



he also contributes to the development and documentation of evaluation approaches and considerations in his work and through publications.

Mr Mashingaidze is currently supporting the Office of the President and UNICEF in Zimbabwe with technical assistance to run an M&E Week that, amongst other objectives, aims to promote a country-led approach to evaluation and revive the Zimbabwean MERL community's engagement in the Zimbabwean Evaluation Association. His efforts have not only strengthened our knowledge base at SAMEA but have also significantly contributed to the broader evaluation community in our region.

Given his proven track record, I am confident that Mr Mashingaidze will be a valuable addition to the AfrEA board, as well as an advocate for the continued strengthening of the AfrEA-SAMEA relationship. His passion for advancing the evaluation field, coupled with his experience in engaging with diverse stakeholders in and beyond Africa, makes him an ideal candidate to contribute to AfrEA's mission of promoting and advocating for the development of evaluation practice and theory across the African continent.

Thank you for considering this nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or clarification regarding qualifications and contributions.

Sincerely,

Jendifer Norins Executive Chair: SAMEA Board South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association (SAMEA)



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