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To Whom It May Concern.

Dear Sir/Madam

Subject: Letter of endorsement for Comparatively for Tanzania Elites Community Organizers (CTECO).

The Great Green Wall for the Sahara and Sahel initiative is an African Union led Pan African initiative intervening in more than 35 African States including the Southern Africa countries who are at the inception phase in the extension of the initiative. The objective of the GGWSSI is the restoration agro-silvo- pastoral and eco-systems in the drylands of Africa, implementing the AGENDA 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The initiative was launched in 2005 and in 2007 was adopted as a Pan Africa initiative by the Head of the states of the Africa Union. More than a decade from its launching, a lot of successful projects and initiative have been implemented to ensure land restoration and resilience through a multitude of activities, projects.

The Great Green Wall Initiative (GGWI) is an example of regional and continental cooperation initiative based on the need of African countries to appropriate themselves the necessary actions to combat land degradation, desertification, drought, dust and sand storms in Africa's Dry land including the vulnerable areas in the Southern Africa Development Communities (SADC). The Initiative is undertaken on economic, political and technical.

To achieve the ambitious vision of programme, significant investment of financial and human resources and needed at all levels, continental, regional, sub regional, national and community. The investments will enable the implementation of Sustainable Land and Water Management and Restoration activities (Agroforestry, afforestation, biodiversity conservation, land reclamation, development of value chains, climate smart agriculture, including conservation and low external inputs agriculture).

Implementation of the initiative requires long-term collaboration and synergies amongst all Stakeholders, Government, International Development Partners, Private sector and Civil Society Organisations etc.

It is within this framework that I wish to introduce **Comparatively for Tanzania Elites Community Organizers** (CTECO) as one of the Non-Government Organization and Goodwill Ambassador advocating for the implementation of the initiative in Tanzania and the Southern Africa region through community mobilization, agroforestry, afforestation and other community activities.

We believe that any collaboration with CTECO within the framework of supporting the implementation of the GGWI – SADC is a bridge to link AUC and SADC to your office/organization. The Great Green Wall initiative can only be achieved through collaborative efforts, synergies, and working together hand in hand. We encourage all to joint AUC, SADC Secretariat and CTECO and others in this Initiative. For further information contact: ElvispaulT@africa-union.org

Sincerely yours/

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elvis Paul N. Tangem', with a light blue shadow effect behind it.

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