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The Director Research & Development Njala University Secretariat Njala Sierra Leone

<u>LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED NSTIC PROJECT — NJALA UNIVERSITY</u>

Njala University is delighted to affirm its support for the proposal entitled "MITIGATION OF FLOOD DAMAGE TO URBAN AGRICULTURE IN SIERRA LEONE USING CLIMATE-SMART STRATEGIES" in response to the call by the National Science, Technology and Innovation Council for Full Proposals to Promote New and Emerging Technologies.

The main goal of the project is to make agriculture sustainable in urban areas of Sierra Leone where agricultural produce is needed most using the green "city concept" that is also climate-smart and climate-resilient strategy. This proposal will not only create recreational and relational places, but also provide jobs and income in the immediate communities. The cities will also become cleaner and deny mosquitos any breeding grounds and thereby prevent the spread of malaria (a major killer disease) in urban areas. The project will use remote-sensing data like the land-use data and digital elevation model (DEM) data in a flood modelling and ArcGIS environment.

The Njala University Administration is fully committed to supporting this project in all ways possible for a successful implementation, especially given the increasing threat posed by urban flooding across Sierra Leone and the rest of Africa due to climate change. The project will transform and make our cities sustainably habitable. We wish you success with the application and look forward to the implementation of the project.

Yours sincerely,

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