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To Whom It May Concern: Recommendation for Mr. Damien Mouzoun

I strongly recommend Mr Damien Mouzoun, a young talented and emerging leader from Benin, as potential participant for the UNESCO Education for Sustainable Development Youth Conference in Japan on 7 November 2014.

I have personally and professionally known Mr Mouzoun since October 2011 when we first met at an international youth conference in Benin co-organized by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (www.ifad.org) and the Phelps Stokes Fund. The conference led to the launching of the Global Youth Innovation Network (www.gyin.org) which Mr Damien Mouzoun has been part of the founding and active member. I was intrigued by Mr Mouzoun self-motivation, intelligence and visionary leadership qualities that he has consistently exhibited over the past years. His strong passion and self-drive of being an exemplary, effective and transformational leader has modelled him to capitalize on his network and mobilise resources in training and teaching younger generations in various topics across the Africa continent. I have closely followed his evolutionary and transformative trajectories where he has not only inspired many of his peers and younger generations but remained determined and focussed young talented person who is ready to take greater risk to ensure underprivileged children and young people have access to knowledge, information, tools, etc that could improve their human development in whatever context they find themselves.

Mr Damien Mouzon, as an ambassador of GYIN, has developed open-minded attitude reinforced by his excellent personal and multicultural communication skills that enable him to interact and network across different cultures and personalities. Mr Mouzoun, I believe is a good showcase of self-motivated, talented young person who is serving as a generational bridge to educate and inform less privileged people of society. Through this top-up, community-based approach, Mr Mouzoun has amassed a worth of experience, knowledge, skills and documented success and failure cases that could have implications when advocating for sustainable education from grassroot to global levels.

I would, therefore, strongly support the potential selection of Mr Damien Mouzoun's application and his eventual active participation in the upcoming UNESCO ESD Youth conference in Japan in November 2014. I am convince, if eventually selected, Mr Mouzoun will contribute invaluablely to advancing a generational network of change agent to ensure that the main conclusions and outcomes of this youth conference will benefit wider youth and other key stakeholders at all levels.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Moses Abukari', is located below the main text.

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