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To whom it may concern

RE **German-African Innovation Incentive Award**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Research and innovation are drivers of economic and societal development. In recent years, many African countries have been demonstrating a strong dynamism in the areas of knowledge generation and economic growth. Germany is greatly interested in cooperation with African partners in order to develop Africa's innovative potential in joint research and innovation projects and encourage sustainable economic growth on the African continent. The Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has been implementing successful measures for structured cooperation with African countries for several years under the *Africa Strategy 2014-2018*.

The BMBF is now launching a second call for the *German-African Innovation Incentive Award* to honour outstanding work by African researchers which has great potential for application. The aim of the measure is to promote the translation of research findings into practical solutions which benefit African societies and improve the living conditions for people in Africa in the longer term. German-African partnerships are an important factor for success in this context.

The award will be presented to an African researcher and his or her respective German cooperation partner. The award will be granted for an existing achievement and will make it possible to develop a follow-up project with which the partners can advance their research findings with a view to future commercial exploitation. The prize money amounts to 150,000 euros.

After the successful first round with four award winners from Africa (Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria and Uganda), a second call has now been published in the Federal Gazette (Bundesanzeiger) on 8 October

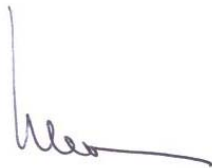
2018. Enclosed please find a pdf file which includes the German, English and French versions of the text. The call and names of contact persons can be found online at:

<https://www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/bekanntmachung-2034.html>

The BMBF has entrusted the International Bureau (IB) at the DLR Project Management Agency with implementing the award procedure and subsequent project administration (see call). The IB will be available to answer your questions regarding nomination and application for the award and concerning selection and further administrative processes.

We would like to ask you to support us in publicizing the new call for the German-African Innovation Incentive Award in your country and inform potential award winners about this opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Webers', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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