

Statement of Intent

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Dear colleagues & Friends,

It is with pleasure and great honor that ***I accept the nomination as the Vice-President of the IDEAS.*** Providing my times and energy to learn from members when serving our lovely International VOPE will be one of my key professional priorities.

I have been linked with IDEAS' history since a decade (2009), when I was invited to join the association by a friend but unable to join the 2009 conference in South Africa for family concern. I became member of IDEAS and decided to move to a life-membership profile as proof of my loyalty to IDEAS in 2013. Over the ongoing decade, I have been regularly active in participating to IDEAS meetings mostly as speaker and/or workshop facilitator especially in Barbados, Thailand and in Mexico. I shall abide by the rules of the association and will uphold its aims, objectives and vision which are well-known.

As a Credentialed Evaluator (CE), my previous position as President of the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA), as well as my current term as the Global Chair of EvalIndigenous network provided an opened learning spaces with some of you and other development actors worldwide. Therefore, our parts have crossed in various ways and we will always provide our best to the achievement of the 2030 SDGs' agenda by engaging IDEAS in the most suitable place among other VOPEs. As Mentor, I worked with the Development for Peace Mentorship Program (DC), VOPEs, private sector, NGO, donors and UN agencies, as well as with universities in Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle-East, and North America. I was very active in fundraising activities, thematic working groups, and leader of evaluation meetings when necessary.

My passion for networking in development evaluation with ethical work towards the professionalization of the evaluation function is well known globally. Supporting capacity development for quality evaluation at international, regional, and national levels with VOPEs remains my special area of interests. With many colleagues worldwide, we completed number of constructive achievements to various voluntary evaluation mandates such as the "Evaluation that make a difference project".

I have extensive communication skills both in English and French. Most often, I provide timely responses when needed. I strongly believe that my 2 cents will be useful to continuously strengthen the bridges between IDEAS and other evaluation bodies. From our last meeting in Prague, we all acknowledge that we need more advocacy initiatives to attract more members especially among the youths for a unique support of IDEAS in linking both evaluators in the North and South. I therefore believe that together we can make IDEAS great than ever.

I, Serge Eric Yakeu Djiam, will serve if elected and will meet and fulfill the duties and obligations place on me as Vice-President in the IDEAS. Your kind attention to my candidacy will be very appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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