

Johannesburg, 12 January 2021

All ARC Partners

Dear ARC Partners,

Re: Nomination of up to Four (4) Members representing Partners in the ARC Group Board

As you might be aware, the African Risk Capacity (ARC) Conference of the Parties (CoP) adopted amendments to the Agreement for the Establishment of the ARC Agency (ARC Treaty) in June 2020. Following these amendments, the ARC Agency Governing Board was renamed to “ARC Group Board” and its composition is as follows:

- a) Five (5) members elected by the Conference of the Parties (CoP);
- b) One (1) member appointed by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC);
- c) One (1) member appointed by the Chairperson of the AUC in consultation with the Executive Director of World Food Programme;
- d) The Chairpersons of the Boards or similar organs of the ARC Agency Subsidiaries or Affiliated Entities;
- e) The Director General of the ARC Agency and the Chief Executive Officers of the ARC Subsidiaries or Affiliated Entities, without the right to vote;
- f) **Up to four additional members appointed by the Conference of the Parties to give effect to any arrangements entered into under Article 21 of the Agreement.**

Members and their alternates serve in their personal capacities and on a part time-time basis as required to carry out their functions. Members, except those serving by virtue of office, shall serve for a three-year term which may be renewed once, as long as the partner remains in an active funding relationship or other partnership with the ARC Group.

You will recall that before the ARC Treaty was amended, the CoP was required to appoint one (1) member representing the partners to be in the ARC Agency Governing Board as provided under Article 14 (1) (e) of the Treaty. However, this provision was never operationalized by the CoP.

It is pleasing to note that in the spirit of fully implementing the conclusions of governance reform, the CoP adopted the Modalities for the Appointment of Partners into the ARC Group Board upon the recommendation of the ARC Agency Governing Board and the Board of Directors of ARC Company Ltd (*copy attached*).

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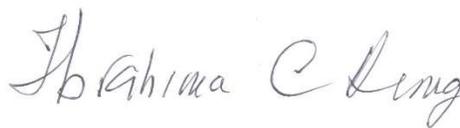
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In this regard, the Secretariat would like to request all partners who are in an active funding or other active partnership with ARC to submit their interest in becoming members of the ARC Group Board. As indicated in the Modalities for the Appointment of Partners, the Partner institution should also simultaneously designate its representatives for the full and alternate position and briefly outline the knowledge, skill and expertise that the designated representatives will bring to the ARC Group Board. Furthermore, at least one of the designated representatives for the full and alternate should be female in order to ensure equitable gender representation in the composition of the Board. As there are only four (4) posts available, partners are encouraged to consult with each other as widely as possible before submitting their expressions of interest.

Kindly submit the expression of interest accompanied with the Curriculum Vitae of the designated representatives to the Secretariat **on or before 12 February 2021**. If you would require any clarification or information, please contact Mr. Bright Mando, Senior Legal Counsel and Board Secretary at bright.mando@arc.int. You are also encouraged to read the attached Modalities for the Appointment of Partners before submitting your expression of interest.

Please note that the Partner members of the ARC Group Board shall have a duty to observe the utmost good faith towards the ARC Group, be required to exercise independent judgment and to take decisions according to the best interests of the ARC Group and shall also be required to avoid any real or potential conflict of interest during the deliberations and decision-making processes of the Board. Furthermore, the Partners may be required to be responsible for all costs of participation of its designated representative (s). Partners should take this into account when submitting their expression of interest in the membership of ARC Group Board.

Sincerely,



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