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Dr Benito Müller,
Director,
European Capacity Building Initiative (ecbi)

Dear Benito,

Let me take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the cooperation and support the ecbi has given me as Chair of the Adaptation Fund Board, and the Board in general, over the past year. As you know, that year has been crucial to the success of the Adaptation Fund. We had to begin to operationalise the CMP decisions on how the Fund is to be run by setting the very rules and criteria to guide the decision-making of the Board in its mandates and initial tasks. This process was far from easy, not least because the Board was completely new, and of extremely diverse expectations and representation, ranging from the poorest to the richest constituencies. The ecbi dinners for the Board on the first day of the sessions helped the members to get to know each other in a congenial atmosphere and build mutual understanding of the issues at stake in a more relaxed mood, which was helpful in the deliberations that followed. Indeed, these dinners have proven to be so useful that we hope we will be able to continue this tradition, of course voluntarily if you can still be able to cover the costs.

I look forward to your continued collaboration and cooperation with the Board in its endeavour to deliver on adaptation funding for the developing countries, particularly those with the least capacity to address the already being experienced impacts of climate change.

Yours Sincerely,



Richard Muyungi

Chair,

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