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To whom it may concern,

## **Letter of Intent: Participation in the AFRI-SEC Proposal under FCI4Africa Open Call 1**

The University of Johannesburg hereby expresses its interest in participating as a validation partner in the AFRI-SEC proposal submitted by ERGASTIRIA GALANAKIS E E (GL) under the FCI4Africa Open Call 1.

The AFRI-SEC project aims to upgrade, localize, and pilot-validate the WASTE-SEC decision-support platform through the integration of African food-system datasets and trade-related drivers and indicators, with particular focus on sustainability, resilience, market access, trade facilitation, and compliance-oriented analytics within agri-food value chains.

Within this context, the University of Johannesburg intends to contribute to the project during the validation phase of the FCI4Africa Open Call 1, subject to the successful selection and progression of the project. The anticipated contribution of the University of Johannesburg includes:

- Supporting the contextual validation of the WASTE-SEC platform within South African agri-food system conditions
- Supporting interaction with local stakeholders, SMEs, cooperatives, processors, distributors, and other potential end users for pilot testing and feedback collection
- Providing expert input on food loss and waste, food security, sustainability, resilience, and market-access related dimensions relevant to South African food systems
- Contributing to the demonstration of the solution at scale, including its potential policy relevance

The University of Johannesburg's participation aims to ensure that the proposed solution is aligned with real-world needs in South Africa, supports evidence-based decision-making, and can be effectively deployed across diverse agri-food contexts.

This Letter of Intent is non-binding and reflects the willingness of University of Johannesburg to collaborate in the proposed project. Any formal commitment will be subject to further agreement between the parties and the successful outcome of the FCI4Africa Open Call 1 evaluation process.

We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate on this initiative.

Sincerely,



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