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Re: Results of your NEF Fellows Programme Application

Dear Dr. Thorn,

It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been selected as a Next Einstein Forum (NEF) Fellow due to your strong scientific record and potential for leadership. The NEF Fellowship is a flagship program of the Next Einstein Forum (NEF), an initiative of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) in partnership with Robert Bosch Stiftung.

The NEF Fellowship provides you with support and a platform to:


- Attend and present during a NEF Fellow Spotlight Session at the prestigious, invitation-only NEF Global Gathering in March 2020 alongside Nobel Prize winners, Heads of State, leading scientist and representatives from leading global corporations
- Increase your global visibility over the two years that this fellowship runs by international and regional conference attendance, speaking opportunities, Fellows Tours across Africa and by participating in the NEF Communities of Scientists activities. During these activities, you will act as a NEF spokesperson and have the opportunity to share your research and insights.
- Be featured, interviewed and showcased widely in media to a global audience with an expected 100 million media impressions
- Interact with and receive mentoring from with leading scientists, policy-makers, industry representatives and civil-society leaders, as well as other exceptional young African scientists

The NEF Fellowship also provides you with the opportunity to significantly contribute to the establishment of a strong African Community of Scientists by:

- Attending the NEF Fellows and NEF Ambassadors yearly gathering event where the NEF Community of Scientists meet and discuss their impact.
- Being part of the NEF Fellows Tour, a 2-3-day networking event in selected African countries.
- Mentoring and inspiring other young, exceptional scientific talents from Africa
- Contributing to the establishment of a positive global view of science in Africa
- Taking part to the NEF Government-University-Industry-Research Roundtables meant for enabling an effective knowledge-led economy in Africa
- Participating in the NEF Global Gathering 2020 where you will present your research during the NEF Spotlight sessions.



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Please note that:

- Due to the highly selective nature of the NEF Fellowship, only 25 were selected during this round out of a pool of 93 applicants.
- The NEF Fellows Programme will be as rewarding as you choose to make it. By actively participating in the program's activities, you will improve the Fellowship for your Class and for future cohorts.
- It is expected that all 25 NEF Fellows will work with the NEF secretariat in planning for the NEF Global Gathering in March 2020. This will entail a set of discussions – mostly via email and Skype.

Per application criteria, accepting the NEF Fellowship award includes consent for NEF to use of your name and material in its promotions, and to be featured as a NEF ambassador. Attached is a profile form that will allow the NEF team to build your profile for NEF communications and media opportunities. Please note that this Fellowship comes with significant public and media exposure. By agreeing to become a NEF Fellow, you will be regularly called upon to contribute opinion pieces, respond to journalist inquiries and interviews and generally work with the NEF communications team to increase the NEF's and your own visibility. We will be providing media training as well as other support in this regard.

If you plan to accept this Fellowship, please notify us by signing this letter and sending it back by email to Dr. Youssef Travalay at ytravalay@nef.org no later than July 05, 2019 so that the public announcement of the new class of Fellows can proceed in mid July 2019?

Once again, my congratulations on receiving this prestigious award. We very much hope you will accept this NEF Fellowship and join us on our long journey to propel the best of science in Africa onto the global scientific stage.

With thanks and best wishes,

Thierry Zomahoun
Founder and Chair, Next Einstein Forum
President and CEO, AIMS-Next Einstein Initiative



I, _____, have read the above requirements and conditions and hereby accept the 2019-2021 NEF Fellowship

Sign here:

Date: