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Letter of Confirmation

This letter confirms Dr. Rabee Reffat's participation in our BUILD project from the University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC). BUILD stands for "Building Resilience through Education and Research in Nature-based Solutions". It is an education and research project funded by the Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education (HK-dir). The total budget of the BUILD project is 3,162 million NOK, while HK-dir's support is 3 million NOK. The project activity period is between October 2021 and July 2026.

The University of Stavanger, through the Department of Safety, Economics, and Planning at The Faculty of Science and Technology is the leading partner in the BUILD project. BUILD is a collaboration involving six universities in Norway, China, South Africa, Canada, and USA (University of Stavanger (UiS), Høgskolen i Østfold (HIOF), Univ. of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC), North-West Univ. (NWU), Univ. of Toronto (UT), and Alabama A&M Univ. (AMMU)). The objective is to provide a thriving learning environment for researchers and students to ensure that the students will have the skills and knowledge related to nature-based solutions (NBS) to address future urban problems due to climate change mitigation and unsustainability. This project consists of three components: Education, Research, and Dissemination. Education activities include summer school, digital lecturing, student mobility, summer exchange, joint courses, and discussions on new study programs (i.e., double-degree master's program). The consortium will share the experience with innovative teaching methods, such as cross-over teaching, smart boards, flipped classrooms, collaborative teaching (learn, study, and work in groups), and research-based learning. Research activities include collaborative research on topics of common interest, research stays, and joint master thesis supervision. Dissemination activities include thematic seminars, workshops, and meeting forums. The project will participate in triple-helix forums involving non-academic players.

Dr. Rabee Reffat will support the project through education and research collaboration between UNNC and UiS. The tasks include co-teaching, co-supervising, and co-research related to the project topic. Dr. Reffat and the project coordinator will elaborate further on the engagement details within the BUILD project, including its financial support.

Dr. Ari Krisna Mawira Tarigan (email: ari.tarigan@uis.no) is the institution's primary contact and project leader. We look forward to collaborating with the University of Nottingham Ningbo China to achieve the goals set in the BUILD project.

Yours sincerely,

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