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Dear Tom

**SUBJECT: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR TRI-LATERAL
PARTNERSHIP (USA-INDIA-AFRICA)**

I am writing to express our interest to participate in the Tri-lateral Partnership among Universities in USA-India-Africa. Our interest will be in the areas of Food Science and Technology, Biotechnology, Horticulture, Industrial Crops (Cotton, Sugar-cane, Coffee, Tea), Animal Science, Bioenergy, Irrigation and Agricultural Engineering. We do have academic departments; teaching and conducting research and extension in these areas.

These areas are priority areas for Malawi in its effort to commercialize agriculture by increasing the diversity and volume of food basket and promoting value additions. Furthermore, of shortage fossil fuel supply is becoming a big problem in Malawi and it is imperative that capacity to harness biofuel be developed to complement imported fuel. As such joint research and capacity building in these priority areas will go a long way to assist Malawi in its efforts to attain food security and wealthy creation for its people and raise the standard of living.

In India, we are developing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Agricultural Universities of Punjab, CCS Haryana and the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi. Any of these institutions will be preferred as Indian partners.

Please also be informed that we were also contacted by Washington State University. If it is possible to link with them as collaborators it is fine with us. Do contact Chris Pannkuk, Director of International Agricultural Development.

Kind regards

Professor Moses Kwapata
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