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UNESCO Chair "Transforming the Lives
of People with Disabilities, their Families
and Communities, Through Physical Education,
Sport, Recreation and Fitness"

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To whom it may concern

RE: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY

I am a Masters Student at the Institute of Technology Tralee in Ireland under the auspices of the UNESCO Chair at the Institute. I am currently undertaking research on the area of 'mainstreaming disability' on sports programmes in developing countries. The research will employ both the use of document analysis and interviews to generate data at different stages and in this regard, I would be grateful if you would consider participating in this research.

The goal of the research is to **"Develop Professional Occupational Standards for use by NGOs pertaining to inclusion of people with disabilities in their sports based programmes in the developing countries.** To meet this goal, I am assessing the existing situation via collaboration with you and others, and through my research, will develop and validate a set of best practices that can be used by any NGO in the developing Countries.

As part of both phases of this research it is my intention to engage different organisations that administer sports programmes in developing countries through validation process that shall be followed by interviews.

All organisations that agree to partake in the study will be involved in the validation phase of the **Occupational Standards.** This will be conducted via telephone or Skype interview. My plan, if you are in agreement, is to record these interviews purely for transcribing purposes. All responses during the interviews will be treated as confidential and, in no case, will responses from individual participants be identified. Consequently, an inclusive set of best practices will be made available to you once the study has been completed.

Confidentiality is assured. Participation in this study is entirely voluntary and you can freely decline to participate at any stage or withdraw from the study at any time without giving any reasons. If you wish to participate please provide a contact number/email address of the contact person/s for ease of communication. The outcome of this research will be made available to you if you so wish.

I (Thabo Tsiki) am the main contact of the research but if you wish to inquire about the validity of this study, do not hesitate to contact my supervisors and UNESCO Chair as follows:

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Thanking you in advance

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