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Yaounde, 20 May 2022

To: Prof. Dr. Rainer Horn, The Chairman of the IUSS Presidential Election Committee,

Subject: *Supporting letter to Prof. Victor Okechukwu Chude for the position of the President-Elect of IUSS for 2023/2024.*

Dear Prof. Horn,

I am most honoured and delighted to support the nomination of Prof. Victor Okechukwu Chude of the Nigeria Institute of Soil Science, Abuja, Nigeria for the position of the President-Elect of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) for 2023/2024.

I have known Prof. Chude as a forerunner on issues relating to the field of soil science in the African region and the ITPS of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP). As the Chairman of the African Soil Partnership (AfSP) for 5 years, he remained committed to creating awareness to Soil Scientists and finding solutions to soil related issues in the African region. This he has achieved by ensuring the involvement of the international committee and plugging activities in the region to align with global best practices. In his home country Nigeria, Prof. Chude in his lecturing days trained young Soil Scientists who he still mentors till date and who have now become researchers, policy and decision makers, lecturers and scholars and are making meaningful impact in the field of Soil Science. He served as President of the Soil Science Society of Nigeria for 15 years (2003-2015).

Professor Chude's Candidacy for the strategic position of President - Elect of the IUSS is providing the African Continent a well-deserved opportunity to play a leading role among Nations through quality leadership for the sustainability of responsive Soil Management system that would guarantee an enhanced global food security. In addition, his impactful representation of Africa over the years remains reassuring that he can take the Union to greater global heights.

I am therefore with the support of the other leaders of Soil Science Societies in Africa strongly recommending that Prof. V.O. Chude be considered for President-Elect of IUSS considering his resourceful combination of scientific, professional and social skills.

Yours Sincerely



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