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Dear Dr. Kamga,

My name is Peter Zeil, and together with Euroconsult and EU Global NDC Support Facility we are undertaking a study for the European Commission on increasing cooperation between Europe and Africa on Earth Observation and space initiatives. **We are reaching out for your support to design the future Africa – Europe cooperation in the space sector.**

The European Commission's Directorate General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA) mandated us to enhance the strategic Africa-EU partnership in Space and EO. Our work includes an assessment to identify possible cooperation avenues on Digitalisation, Space and Earth Observation data and related technologies between Africa and the EU.

We conducted a stakeholder consultation in May-June 2022 to better understand African space activities and initiatives as well as the current state of the play in the region. This consultation allowed us to issue recommendations for future cooperation, including strengthening STI in Africa, boosting Africa's space industry, and facilitating sustainable growth in line with partners' needs. These recommendations are aligned with the Agenda 2030 targets, the Agenda 2063, and the Africa Space Policy and Strategy.

Our intention is to further refine these recommendations and verify the alignment with African requirements with your support. **As a recognized leader in the African space field, you are invited to join an informal peer review group of Africa space experts with whom we will conduct individual and group discussions to gather your views and feedback before we submit our final recommendations to the European Commission.**

Please let us know if you are willing to support this endeavour. I would be grateful if you could indicate your availabilities for a call in the coming weeks.

With best regards,



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