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**Re: Recommendation of Earth Child Institute for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) 2012 Land for Life Award**

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat, we are pleased to support Earth Child Institute's candidature for UNCCD's 2012 Land for Life Award.

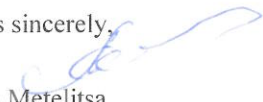
Earth Child Institute (ECI) was admitted as an observer to the Convention by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its fifteenth session in 2009. Since its admission, ECI has been actively contributing to the UNFCCC process as a member of the United Nations Joint Framework Initiative on Children, Youth and Climate Change and the UNFCCC observer constituency of youth non-governmental organizations (YOUNGO).

ECI has submitted valuable input to the review of the amended New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention, which sets out the scope for actions on climate change education, training, public awareness, public access to information, public participation and international cooperation on these matters.

Furthermore we note that ECI's advocacy and grassroots action with and for children has been the focus of their exhibit and side event activities at both COP 16/CMP 6 in Cancun and COP 17/CMP 7 in Durban.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

  
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