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Dear Professor Allotey

As President of the International Union of Pure & Applied Physics (IUPAP), it gives me great pleasure to support the launch of the African Physical Society.

The mission of IUPAP is to assist in the development of physics, to foster international cooperation in physics, and to help in the application of physics toward solving problems of concern to humanity. IUPAP carries out this mission by sponsoring international meetings; fostering communications and publications; encouraging research and education; fostering the free circulation of scientists; promoting international agreements on symbols, units and nomenclature; and cooperating with other organizations on disciplinary and interdisciplinary problems.

In recent years we have focussed attention on supporting physics in developing regions and encouraging national physical societies from these regions to join IUPAP - with some success. Within this program we have concentrated attention on Africa; and thus we are particularly pleased to see this initiative come to fruition. You may wish to note the work of two of our commissions: Commission on Physics for Development (C13) and the Commission on Physics Education (C14) who both have particular roles in assisting developing countries.

It is now more important than ever that physicists collaborate as we have the responsibility and opportunity to make invaluable contributions to resolving problems that know no border: the environment, energy, sustainable development and climate change being but a few examples.

I wish you every success in creating a powerful and effective voice for and champion of African physics.

Yours sincerely

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