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**COCOA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF NIGERIA**  
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With research and development mandate for  
**COCOA, KOLA, COFFEE, CASHEW AND TEA**



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**The Executive Vice-Chairman/Chief Executive**

National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI)  
Abuja

Dear Sir,

**INSTITUTIONAL ENDORSEMENT FOR PROJECT TITLE “EXPANDING COCOA PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTIVITY IN NIGERIA THROUGH ENHANCEMENT OF DROUGHT-TOLERANCE PLANTING MATERIALS WITH ROOTSTOCK GENOTYPES” (DR K. O. AYEGBOYIN)**

On behalf of the Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN), I am pleased to offer our full endorsement of the proposal titled, “Cocoa plantlet regeneration technology for sustainable production in Nigeria” with Dr. K. O. Ayegboyin as the Principal Investigator (PI), submitted under the NASENI Research Commercialization Grants Programme (NRCGP).

This work aligns with the Renewed Hope Agenda of Mr. President and the NASENI objectives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Patrick O. Adebola**

Executive Director/CEO

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