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Future Earth Coasts Team,

Dear Sir/Madam,

REFERENCE LETTER

RE: Dr. Daniel. O. UGWU

Dr. Daniel O. Ugwu who is applying for the Future Earth Coasts Fellowship has been known to me for over twelve years. I was his lecturer in the Department of Biochemistry, University of Nigeria, Nsukka where he did his postgraduate studies (both M.Sc & PhD). I taught him many courses during both program.

Daniel is very intelligent, articulate, honest, meticulous, dogged, persistent and respectful. He is well focused and goal driven, very motivated and dedicated in all he sets out to do.

The interdisciplinary nature of his research and engagements in the past ten years have exposed him to the policy issues surrounding climate mitigation/adaptation and environmental science-policy issues in Nigeria and Africa. I am thrilled by his interest and engagements in the area of coastal environment sustainability from an interdisciplinary perspective which has resulted in him authoring and co-authoring a number of policy report/briefs. For instance, I am aware that he contributed two chapters (Review of best practice indigenous and local knowledge (ILK) in ocean-based adaptation actions in Africa and Review of existing methodologies and metrics to assess and track ocean-based adaptation and mitigation actions in Africa) to a report on the Integration of ocean-based adaptation and mitigation actions into regional and national climate policies in Africa. His other policy papers highlighted the threats to fisheries in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria and how fisherfolks and other coastal stakeholders play a central role in conserving biodiversity and adapting to climate impacts in their region, while making a case for the mapping out and creation of freshwater and marine protected areas in Nigeria.

I am certain that he will be a great addition to your team and I therefore, strongly recommend him as a FEC Fellow.

Sincerely,

Prof. Chioma A. Anosike