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Dear Mr Arden-Clarke

### **ENDORSEMENT LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL ON PROSPERITY IS GREEN: POVERTY ERADICATION THROUGH THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 10YFP ON SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) hereby expresses its support for the proposal on the implementation of sustainable lifestyle and education programme led by the Educational Support Services Trust (ESST).

DEA recognize that to effect long-lasting change in terms of environmental stewardship of our natural resources, there has to be participatory environmental decision-making through the citizens at a community level. Hence, DEA is fully supportive of this project as it aims to create, through practical application, a mind shift within individuals and a change of ethos within communities, whereby they will come to see how caring for the environment is directly related to the way in which we care for ourselves, one another and future generations. In addition, the programme aims to establish a potential model for replication across South Africa through which to make the 3R's of sustainable development a household concept in the country, in particular amongst disadvantaged rural and peri-urban communities.

The National Focal Point for South Africa is therefore supportive of this initiative by ESST as it is line with the 10YFP objectives. We hereby request the 10YFP Secretariat to kindly receive this project proposal from ESST, for their kind consideration.

Allow me to reiterate our commitment to working with the 10YFP Secretariat in support of implementing the respective programmes.

Yours sincerely

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