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**To: Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Education and Skills Development
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**Attention: Secretary General
Botswana National Commission for UNESCO**

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Letter of request for cooperation visit

Following our correspondence with Botswana National Commission for UNESCO, I would like to express the interest of cooperation visit to **Gaborone, Botswana** on behalf of the Estonian National Commission for UNESCO and University of Tartu Viljandi Culture Academy on **11.-13.08.2024**, arriving in the afternoon of August 11 and leaving early morning August 13.

The aim of the visit is to meet and discuss cooperation with Botswana National Commission for UNESCO as well as other relevant stakeholders in the areas of: (1) creative entrepreneurship, (2) education for sustainable development and UNESCO ASPnet.

The members of the delegation from Estonia:

- Ms Madli Kumpas, Coordinator of Education and Science Programme (International Cooperation for Development), Estonian National Commission for UNESCO, Ministry of Culture
- Mr Juko-Mart Kõlar, Director, University of Tartu Viljandi Culture Academy
- Ms Katariina Sofia Päts, Head of Development, University of Tartu Viljandi Culture Academy

University of Tartu Viljandi Culture Academy would like to exchange experiences and learn about the field of creative entrepreneurship in Botswana, meet relevant stakeholders and possible cooperation partners, visit University of Botswana and its Innovation Center as well as Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub under the Ministry of Tertiary Education Research Science and Technology. University of Tartu Viljandi Culture Academy is among the partners of an ongoing creative entrepreneurship project in Namibia that is led by NGO Creative Estonia and includes Estonian and Namibia National Commissions for UNESCO, UNESCO Windhoek Office, and University of Namibia. University of Tartu Viljandi Culture Academy would like to discuss whether similar project would be interesting for Botswana.

Related to education for sustainable development and UNESCO ASPnet, Ms. Madli Kumpas would like to meet the cooperation partners of ESD and climate themed project proposal that we have been working on together with Botswana National Commission for UNESCO and Green Habitat Botswana, foundation Tartu Environmental Education Centre and private company Aqua Consult. Related to this project, it would be important to meet the National Commission for UNESCO, the national coordinator of ASPnet in Botswana, Green Habitat Botswana, and other stakeholders, if relevant. In addition and if time allows, Ms Kumpas would like to attend the meetings related to creative entrepreneurship.

We would highly appreciate, if Botswana National Commission for UNESCO could help us to arrange and facilitate the meetings. Given the timing of the visit, the meetings should take place on August 12, 2024.

I strongly believe that this visit will further strengthen the collaboration and ties between our countries, National Commissions, and other organizations. I hope that this proposal for cooperation visit would find your approval.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Madli Kumpas (madli.kumpas@kul.ee, +372 529 5757) in case you have any further questions. We are open for your feedback and ideas concerning the visit.

Yours sincerely,



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