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Professor Claudine Storbeck
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Dear Professor Storbeck

Family Centred Early Intervention Conference – FCEI Africa, in Johannesburg

It gives me great pleasure to support the Centre for Deaf Studies' bid to host the Family Centred Early Intervention conference – FCEI Africa, to be held in Johannesburg in June 2017. I am particularly pleased that this would be the first such event on the African continent.

The University of the Witwatersrand is internationally distinguished for its research and academic excellence, and its strong commitment to social justice and community engagement. The Centre for Deaf Studies is widely acknowledged for its work within the South African Deaf Community. It has made significant contributions to the academic field of Deaf education. The Centre also runs a community outreach programme, HI HOPES, which aims to ensure that Deaf and hard of hearing infants get the opportunity to develop typically.

I believe that the FCEI Africa will serve as a catalyst for innovation in the specialist field of paediatric hearing loss. The conference would therefore further the University's goal of helping to address the grand challenges facing our society and contributing to the global corpus of knowledge.

I hope that your bid will be considered favourably.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Habib', written in a cursive style.

Professor Adam Habib