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RE: PANEL DISCUSSION ON WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2025 BETWEEN 6.00PM AND 7.30PM (EAT)

I am writing to invite you to a panel discussion organised by the Lukenya University as we prepare for the 1st Anniversary of the Pan African Institute scheduled for Sunday the 9th day of November, 2025.

The subject of the discussion will be **"Investigating the role of education in liberation by strengthening Pan-African consciousness through research, curriculum reform, and cultural exchange"**.

Please confirm your participation. If you do, then Senator Sylvia Kasanga will include you in a dedicated WhatsApp Group.

Kindly respond pronto and confirm your WhatsApp numbers by return.

Thank you.

Yours

Sincere
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practical, hands-on science education to every corner of the nation. By building and equipping state-of-the-art laboratories and training educators in rural schools, she has been instrumental in closing the critical gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application. Her #SciencePays initiative has ignited a passion for innovation in countless young minds, challenging them to see science not as a subject, but as a tool to create the change they want to see.

But Ms. Dube's vision extends beyond the lab. Through her non-profit, Elevate Trust, and its pioneering STEMFem Network, she is building an army of empowered young women ready to dominate the STEM workforce. As a leadership coach, motivational speaker, and a member of the UN's STEM expert network, she is a tireless advocate for gender parity and youth development.

With a formidable academic background that includes an MBA, an MSc, and certifications from world-class institutions like Stanford University, Sicelo Dube is not just an advocate—she is a strategist, an innovator, and a living embodiment of her belief that the future of Africa will be shaped by its young scientists.

Known across the continent as "The STEM Lady," Ms. Sicelo Dube is a force of nature in the worlds of science, education, and entrepreneurship. A Mandela Washington Fellow and Zimbabwe's Science Ambassador, her mission is clear and powerful: to build a future where young Africans, especially girls, are the architects of the continent's scientific and technological progress.

Her journey as a change-maker began at just 23, when she founded LEC Biotech. More than just a company, it became a vehicle for her vision to bring