

April 5, 2015

**To Whom It May Concern:**

Dear Madam/Sir,

**LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT**

The **Women's Technology Empowerment Centre (W.TEC)** recognizes WAAW Foundation as an organization focused on gender equality in the STEM fields.



W.TEC and WAAW Foundation have partnered on two projects since 2013. The project was the STEM Camp 2013 and 2014 for girls between the ages of 13 and 17, which has the objective to interest and encourage secondary school girls to participate in STEM fields at an early age when career decisions are often formed.

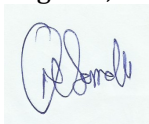
Through our partnership with WAAW, W.TEC had the opportunity to connect with the girls and various facilitators/staff to teach and equip the girls with lessons and experiences that will increase their interest in STEM fields. Some of these young girls are still connected with us and have participated in other programs that W.TEC has organized to continue to build and sustain this interest.

The camps, both held in Lagos, Nigeria, were huge successes. As WAAW interests lies in building strong communities of empowered young women through STEM, establishing an ICT/Computing Training Center will strongly support their mission. As a woman who is passionate about the education and empowering of women, I believe and support WAAW's work and greatly admire what they have built and achieved thus far. Supporting WAAW Foundation will continue to help them accomplish their mission to increase the pipeline of African women entering into STEM fields and ensure they are engaged in Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship to benefit Africa. This support will allow them to increase exponentially the number of women who will create a huge impact in the development of Africa.

W.TEC ([www.w-teconline.org](http://www.w-teconline.org)) is a Nigerian non-governmental organization working to encourage Nigerian girls and women to learn how to use technology as a means of empowering themselves socially and economically. Our programmes include technology camps and afterschool clubs for girls; technology workshops for women entrepreneurs; hackathons; and research examining pivotal issues related to African women's use of technology.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns

Regards,



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*To inspire and empower students from under-resourced communities, promoting creative problem solving and social responsibility, through engineering and science education.*

*Effecting change through STEM Education*

I have had the privilege of working with Unoma and WAAW Foundation for the past 18 month. During this time we have worked together to expose thousands of girls from across Africa to the field of Computer Science. What has impressed me the most, and what continues to impress, is the community that Unoma and WAAW build among their Fellows. This community of support—this sisterhood of brilliant and talented young African women, can and will create positive sustainable change across the continent.

Through our partnership with WAAW, ELiTE had the opportunity to connect deeply with WAAW Fellows and staff from across the continent to equip their young women with the tools, lessons, and experiences to successfully lead computer science outreach in their home communities. Over the past 9 month we have had the opportunity to communicate with and observe in amazement as these young leaders empower the next generation of computer scientists and technologists from South Africa to Malawi and Nigeria to Togo.

Given the success of their various outreach efforts it seems logical to explore making a deeper investment in the communities WAAW serves. By establishing a network of ICT/Computer Programming and Technology Entrepreneurship Training Centers across the continent, WAAW can multiply their impact and grow their communities to support thousands more women and girls across Africa. I believe in WAAW's mission to increase the pipeline of African women entering into Science and Technology fields and ensure they are engaged in Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship to benefit Africa. With your support WAAW will accomplish their goal of increasing the number of African Women in STEM while helping to shape female technology innovators who can will create tens of thousands of jobs to impact their communities.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
Chelsey Roebuck

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

September 8<sup>th</sup> 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Letter of Recommendation: Working to Advance STEM Education for African Women ( WAAW Foundation)**

This letter is to confirm that WAAW Foundation organized its third one-week Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) camp for secondary school girls in Nairobi, Kenya and Lagos, Nigeria in 2015 and eMobilis had the privilege of working with the Foundation to conduct a Mobile Technology Training.

The WAAW Foundation initiative is Pan- African and it was well organized in both Nigeria and Kenya. In both countries the program mentored and supported young women with specific practical skills while offering them residential accommodation at partner schools.

We found the partnership to be a valuable opportunity as it allowed us to explore and understand major initiatives that the Foundation has undertaken in support of their stated goal of empowering girls in Africa by increasing the pipeline of girls educated in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields which is in line with our objectives at eMobilis.

We highly value the WAAW Foundation expertise and thoughts on STEM careers, the drive, tenaciousness, and the determination towards empowering African girls with the right skills and encouraging them to embrace Technology and Innovation.

We look forward to broadening our partnership with WAAW and collaborating on even more ambitious projects.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned for more information.

Thank you.

Ken Mwenda

Managing Director,  
eMobilis Mobile Technology Institute