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Dear SKI Partners,

Exciting News from the Seed and Knowledge Initiative (SKI)!

We are Happy to announce that The Seed and Knowledge Initiative (SKI) is now officially registered as a Non-Profit Company (NPC) in South Africa! This significant milestone is because of the collective effort and commitment of all our partners over the years. This NPC is not just a legal entity, it belongs to all of us and is a shared platform to continue advancing our vision of advancing practice, science and social movement in Agroecology and Farmer Led Seed Systems for Food Sovereignty in Southern Africa.

While this is an exciting development, we would like to share some important details about what this means moving forward.

Transition Period

SKI will remain under the fiduciary oversight of the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) until February 2027 for all current funding under the SKI Phase 3 proposal. Although the SKI NPC will incrementally be managing some of the regional funds in order to build a record of fund management, the majority of the budget, including the partner grants, will remain with AFSA.

Operational Readiness

The NPC will not become fully active until registration with the South African Revenue Service (SARS) is complete, the tax exemption is granted, and the board is officially appointed. These steps are planned for completion at the May 2025 Partner Meeting, where we will collectively select the board.

Shared Achievement

This NPC reflects the hard work, commitment, and collaboration of our partner organizations in Malawi, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. It is a structure that belongs to all of us and will strengthen our efforts in securing food sovereignty and farmer-led seed systems.

Since our journey began in 2013, SKI has grown into a vibrant partnership dedicated to supporting smallholder farmers to achieve seed, food, and nutritional security through diverse crops, local knowledge revival, and resilient, farmer-led systems.

We are so proud of what we have achieved together.

Thank you for your support, collaboration and partnership, this milestone belongs to all of us!

Yours faithfully

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