



President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Dr. Mohan Kaul,
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Dear Mr. Kaul,

ENDORSEMENT OF AFRICARECRUIT 2004

"When AfricaRecruit was launched in 2002, I provided an endorsement in the firm belief that its objectives were not only noble but also realizable. Since then, the initiative has performed creditably and become a key part of the NEPAD programme to mobilize quality skills for Africa.

NEPAD as a programme of the African Union, recognises the importance of re-attracting to Africa skills that were lost in the days of instability, uncertainty, and economic downturn. With the new enthusiasm in the continent for transparency, good governance, social justice, accountability and mutually rewarding local and global partnerships for development, we believe that all hands should, and must be on deck to build a virile and vibrant future for our peoples. Our commitment to rebuilding, nurturing and sustaining democratic values has never been stronger as we seek to collectively mobilise, educate, and empower our people to participate fully in repositioning Africa for stability, growth, development and democracy.



The African community in Diaspora has a major role to play in the new task of transformation, reconstruction and regeneration.

Their experiences, values, knowledge, and creativity are very much required to join with home-based efforts to ensure the overall improvement in the African condition. Rebuilding Africa is a collective challenge that must be addressed and this is not the time for unnecessary theories or excuses.

Given AfricaRecruit's track record of performance and total identification with the goals of the AU, NEPAD and the people of Africa, I wholeheartedly endorse its 2004 event scheduled for Lagos, Nigeria, in December 2004

I wish you all the very best as you continue your positive work in the interest of Africa."

H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Obasanjo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "O" and a long, sweeping underline.