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Attention: Cecilia Eben Bleeker  
Founder/President  
Bleeker Foundation  
John Raedeckerhof 16  
1628 ZA, Hoorn  
The Netherlands

Dear Mrs. Bleeker,

### **NOMINEE FOR THE VOICE MAGAZINE ACHIEVERS AWARD “DIASPORA WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2016”**

We have the honour to inform you that the award committee of The Voice Achievers Award 2016 has proudly nominated and confirmed on you, Mrs. Cecilia Eben Bleeker of Bleeker Foundation as our African Diaspora Woman of the Year for 2016. This recognition is in appreciation for your immense contributions towards advancing the course of women particularly on the challenges teenage mothers faced in your home of Cameroon and engaging Africans and non-African in your enlightenment activities in Holland but it has spread across your borders to reach the whole world.

This award is coming at a time in your life when your career has taken a whole world wide dimension but truly an inspirational career with huge successes which has made you to become an icon to inspire the younger generation coming behind. We choose this year to celebrate you and pray that your attendance and award remarks will serve as an encouragement to 'empower African people to inspire for greater heights'.

This award will be bestowed on you at a ceremony slated for 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 at Royal Party & Events, Transistorstraat 60, 1322CG, Almere, The Netherlands.

Cecilia Eben Bleeker, your foundation with your board is doing a great work with you sourcing educational scholarship to help these teenage mothers acquire and inspire for a better future for themselves but as well as their children. We pick this from one of your famous quote, "I will not give up as long as teens become mothers before their 18th birthday."

on challenging issues faced by women, young mothers and their children in Africa.

You are a perfect example of integration into a western society where the language is not yours but you have made it yours and representing African people at your place of work, bringing into forefront issues of immigrants concern. Your efforts is encouraging to this generation and a pride to us as Africans in the Diaspora.

You are positively impacting and promoting black cultural involvement and uplifting the image of the black people as icon of hope and fulfilment. Your work is well known in the African Diaspora communities in Holland as well as internationally.

We have enough reasons to see your commitment to excel in a terrain that has become very hostile and crowded yet for hard working ones like you, abound opportunities to excel in what you do. This trend is positively influencing young immigrants within the Diaspora.

As a living example for Cameroon, Africa and the rest of the world, the Voice magazine is honoring you with our **DIASPORA WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2016**

On the list of past award winners are the following names: Dr. Kenneth David Kaunda, former President of Zambia, Mrs Fatou Bensouda, the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal court, Honourable Dr. Mrs. Esther Keino, Kenyan Parliamentarian, - Dr. Harold Robles of Health Educators from South Africa, H.E. Prof. Ruthie C. Rono, Kenyan Ambassador to The Netherlands, Dr. Alistair Soyede of Ben Television and footballer Eyong Enoh of Cameroon.

In 2013, we had the following persons on the award list, President Ernest Bai Koroma of Sierra Leone, H. E. Dr. Dalhatu Sarki Tafida - Nigeria High Commission to UK, Arch-Bishop Margret Benson Idahosa - Chancellor of Benson Idahosa University, Dr. Felix Omobude - President of Pentecostal Churches of Nigeria (PFN), Ms. Miet Smet - President European Parliamentarians with Africa, H.E Dr. Mrs. N.N. Akanbi (OON) - the Dean of African Missions in the Netherlands, Hon. Sharon Gesthuizen - Dutch parliamentarian, Vlisco group in Helmond, Apostle Dr. Hayford Ikponmwoza Alile and His Excellency, Governor of Plateau State, Dr. David Jonah Jang.

Those honoured in 2014 included the following persons, Chief Joop Berkhout, Dr. Anita Davis-Defoe, Dr. Jelle T. Braaksma, Bishop Michael O. Amamieye, Her Excellency Mrs. Bianca Olivia Odumegwu-Ojukwu, Dadtco Netherlands, Sally Ebot, Musa Farida Halliru, Stephen Ogongo, Mark Adu, Bruce Carew, Dr Samuel Lee, Tessy Ojo, Health Promotion South Africa Trust, Engr Barry Igbeare, Alphonse Muambi, Akua Manfo, Tony Tprhymes Patrick, Veronica Van de Kamp, Mrs. Caroline Ngo Mbamseck Bayiha, Mr. Bernd Wandkowski, Dr. Alhaji Abdullahi Dikko Inde, Most Rev. Matthew Kukah and Peter Obi, former Governor of Anambra state of Nigeria.

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