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**ENDA Tamweel,
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Dear ENDA's recrutement Committee, Dear TAEF Fellows Program Committee,

I am writing this cover letter to apply for ENDA's summer internship Monitoring and Evaluation position within the context of the Tunisian American Enterprise Fund Fellows program. After careful examination, I believe that this wonderful opportunity aligns with my academic background, my professional experiences as well as with the greater scope of my future learning goals and aspirations.

As a matter of fact, I am a Master of Finance (Research Track) student at the Institute of Higher Commercial Studies in Carthage (IHEC Carthage). And I am currently working on my Master's thesis pertaining to the general area of Corporate Finance. Prior to that, I obtained my Bachelor's degree in Management with a specialization in Finance, back in June of 2018, also from IHEC Carthage. Overall, my academic curriculum has equipped me with a solid background in Finance concepts and theories. And that is how I became familiar with the concept of Microfinance and came to know about ENDA, its history, core values and amazing work throughout the years. Besides theory, during my academic journey, I have acquired strong analytical, evaluation and problem solving skills, which come at the core of Finance. Moreover, at the graduate level, my curriculum became research and presentation intensive, which trained me to think critically and allowed me to have a deep understanding of research methods.

Over the years, I had the chance to apply some of these skills in professional settings during my two internships within the banking sector, and to learn some more. In fact, my first internship with Banque Internationale Arabe de Tunisie (BIAT) back in 2016 taught me how to negotiate products and services with clients based on their specific needs. And my second internship with Banque de Tunisie et des Emirats (BTE), taught me how to deal with time sensitive tasks as efficiently as possible, while mainly working in the Back Office of the Bank on accounting operations.

In addition to my academic and my professional experiences, I am a Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (KL YES) program international exchange alumna. Back in 2012, I spent an academic year in Richland, WA, USA living with an American host family and attending Richland High School as a senior student. Now even though this experience was so far back, I wouldn't be the same person without it. It exposed me to different people from diverse backgrounds and taught me how to be accepting, understanding and open to others, and how to connect and communicate with them no matter who they are. Moreover, I gave many presentations about our Tunisian culture to large audiences, as my role as a scholar was to promote intercultural understanding between the MENA region and the US. And that taught me how to articulate my thoughts coherently and to adapt them to the type of audience.

The communication and presentation skills that I learnt from my exchange experience were strengthened by my presentation and team work intensive curriculum at IHEC Carthage. They were also leveraged by my prior participation in two school clubs at IHEC Carthage : Discovery HEC and Positive Community as a member of the department of events in both, where I got the chance to work with amazing people and to organize cultural events with HEC Discovery and personal development workshops and conferences with Positive Community.

All in all, given all of my skills and experiences so far and their alignment with ENDA's internship needs, I believe that if chosen as an intern under TAEF Fellows Program, I will be able to efficiently fulfill the internships tasks and contribute positively to the Monitoring and Evaluation team, through hardwork, positivity, discipline and doing my best at all times. Working with ENDA would be an enriching learning experience and a new exciting challenge where I witness first hand the world of Microfinance, and contribute to the implementation

of the concept of Financial Inclusion with all of its noble values, which drew me to ENDA in the first place. If chosen, this experience will help me strengthen my research, analytical and problem solving skills and will allow me to connect with the amazing team implementing those values and to see reality from the Microfinance perspective, which I am most excited about.

At last, I would like to sincerely thank you for your time and consideration.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,

Sarra Zaguia.