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To whom it may concern:

This letter is to confirm that Lazare Tia has been selected as a MyCOE / SERVIR Mentor as part of the MyCOE / SERVIR Fellowship Program in West Africa. Lazare Tia's application was selected from among 84 total applications received. **We hope that this letter will help to facilitate Lazare Tia's visa or passport requests to enter Ghana, as well as any other requests to help them participate in this fellowship program.**

The MyCOE / SERVIR Initiative in West Africa is a 10-month fellowship program for undergraduate and graduate students in eligible countries in West Africa who are currently enrolled in any field at an institution of higher education in an eligible country with ideas and plans for research that address themes of Women in Climate Change and Food Security using geographic technologies. Students applied with mentors like Lazare Tia and were invited to propose a research project and were competitively selected on the basis of their long-term potential to contribute to these topics in the region.

The MyCOE / SERVIR program will provide students and their mentors with customized capacity training in GIS, remote sensing, GPS, and/or spatial techniques to help them enrich their research proposals. They will also receive professional development, have access to additional mentoring by international experts and engage in an online community with other fellows. Capacity building and GIS training will be held at the Center for Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Services, CERSGIS, in Accra, Ghana, **July 21-31 2013.**

Over the life of the fellowship, our participants will have the opportunity to interact and exchange ideas with approximately 60 other teams from around the world that will be selected through MyCOE / SERVIR global initiatives.

For more information about the MyCOE / SERVIR Fellowship program in West Africa, please see <http://www.aag.org/mycoe.servir/westafrica>.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

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