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Dear Dr Theron,

**Extraordinary Call for proposals: Short-term visiting scholar residencies 2020**

Warm greetings from all of us at Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS). I trust you are keeping well and safe in these challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic and the equally exhausting national and international lockdown.

Having been a Principal of the College of Humanities & Social Sciences (at Makerere University) before I joined STIAS I can only imagine what your Office and you are going through keeping the faculty, staff and students motivated and productive. It is in this same spirit that STIAS Management and Programme Committee has agreed to offer a special residency opportunity at STIAS for the period between August to December 2020, especially to South African Universities & Research Institutions.

An Extraordinary Call has thus been published on our website at <https://stias.ac.za/2020/06/extraordinary-call-for-proposals-short-term-visiting-scholar-residencies-2020/>. Please encourage your faculty to apply and feel free to distribute to your networks.

The Call may offer scholars a breathing space to reboot and an alternative for some who had already planned Sabbatical Leave or Residencies abroad in the second half of 2020 and may not be able to take them up due to international travel restrictions.

I look forward to hosting your scholars and see this as an opportunity to initiate or extend the relationship between STIAS and your Institution.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Edward K. Kirumira