Re: Acceptance into 2019 Boulder Rural and Agricultural Finance Program (RAFP) - July 22nd to August 2nd, 2019 - Turin, Italy

Dear Mr. Liaqat,

(Please read this letter carefully as it contains relevant information)

On behalf of the Boulder Institute of Microfinance, I would like to thank you for submitting your application for the 2019 Boulder Rural and Agricultural Finance Program (RAFP), and share with you the good news that your experience and background meet the suggested requirements of the program, and therefore your application has been accepted and you are now eligible to participate in the 2019 Boulder RAFP that will be held from July 22nd to August 2nd, 2019 at the International Training Centre of the ILO in Turin, Italy.

In order to complete your application and be officially enrolled in the program, we kindly ask that you fulfill the additional required steps, as outlined below.

Over the coming weeks, Boulder Institute and our host, the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITC-ILO) will be sending you information and instructions about the program including next steps on tuition payment and visa procurement, required to secure your spot in the program. It is important to note that for certain countries, the ITC-ILO is required to conduct a credibility check and therefore final acceptance into the program is dependent on the results of this procedure.

To solidify your travel and arrival in Turin for the program, you will be required to fulfill several steps.

Here are some tips to prepare your budget and trip, [click here]

We highly recommend that you begin the preparation process as soon as possible by first working with your supporting institution(s) to understand their budgetary process and administrative requirements in order for your organization and / or sponsor to effectively provide the financial support you will need for tuition, travel, as well as room and board accommodation. Please consider enough time to request the entry visa to Italy, a process that could take up to 60 days. We also recommend that you research the specific process and requirements for obtaining your visa, as well as the physical location of the Italian Consulate or Embassy in your country or neighboring country. It is important to be proactive and start now with the process; we will be in contact with you personally to provide support and assistance along the way.

It is quite helpful for this process to have a phone or Skype call early on to discuss the program preparation as well as your needs, interests, and questions so that you have a clearer picture of what to expect. If you would like to have a call, please let us know some times that would work for you, and we will set that up.

Regarding communication, I would like to introduce you to our Registration Coordinator, Tomás Aylwin, and our Program Manager, Gabriela Christen, who will both be available to support you at different stages. They can be contacted at participants_en@bouldermicrofinance.org

We look forward to working with you over the coming months and meeting you in person in Turin!

Kind Regards,

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