**NOMINATION PROFILE**

**NAME: Anthony Kwache**

**ORGANIZATION: Kenya National Alliance of Street Vendors and Informal Traders (KENASVIT)**

**POSITION IN THE ORGANIZATION:** President

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**DATE WHEN ELECTED OR RE-ELECTED:** 12 August 2021

**CLASS POSITION:**

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| **Class position** | **Yes / No** |
| 1. Self-employed without employees or assistants | **No**  |
| 2. Self-employed with a maximum of 2 or 3 employees or assistants | **No**  |
| 3. Self-employed with 5 or more employees or assistants | **Yes**  |
| 4. Worker (paid or unpaid) who works for an operator or for an informal self-employed | **No**  |

**PROFILE**:

**Date of Birth:** 12/12/1971

**Country:** Kenya

**City:** Kisumu

**Education:** Up to Diploma Level

**Marital Status:** Married with 5 kids

Occupation: Market trader, formally a street vendor but secondly focusing and diversifying to agro-business to vegetable farming and horticulture. This is an attempt to be part of food security in my home and part of the sub-county. I have been selling bags for 20 years. I also do poultry and dairy farming.

I have been part of informal economy workers struggle for over 20 years. I have been part of a team through KENASVIT that spearheaded the formation of a state department that specifically deals with informal worker’s development and recognition that was created by an Act of Parliament in 2012 – Micro and Small Enterprises Act. The act created:

1. Micro and small enterprises Authority
2. Tribunal that resolves conflict amongst MSEs
3. Registrar of MSEs – already our members are registered under this.
4. MSE fund – this is what is being referred to as Hustler Fund that provides credit for individual / MSEs and group loans.

Personally I have sat on the Authority’s board for 6 years’ courtesy of KENASVIT and we are looking forward to a new appointment since my term is over. Here we used to formulate policies that are favorable for recognition and development of our members.

Already I have been through KENASVIT been able to lobby and advocate for construction of markets and allocation of work spaces for our members. Over 50 markets have been built and occupied. This is in collaboration and negotiation with both county and National Governments.

Have established with KENSAVIT Saccos – for our members.

Encouraged and recruited our members to Social Protection in providing institutions. We also have our traditional Social Protection within our groups.

Through KENASVIT I have guided our members in partnership with SNI and enabled our members to embrace dialogue and negotiation as our backbone of our engagement.

I am a firm believer in women empowerment not by word of mouth but a practioner.

I believe in youth and PWDs empowerment and recognition.

I have been playing advisory role on behalf / between of informal workers ‘and local authorities and national government.

By my understanding of government and regional blocks policies on informal economy workers I trust I can make their issues to be discussed and understood at international government levels and regional / economic blocks for ease. Informal workers do their day to day issues with a harmonized policies and tax regimes.

It’s for this reason that I believe and support cross border traders who aren’t being harassed in our country.

Because of the above issues that I do hereby want to contest for either Vice President or council member. I purpose to serve you to the best of my ability and I shall be the voice of the voice less.