

## Statement for ECCV Nomination

Name **Dr Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe**

Organisation **Ethnic Council of Shepparton and Districts and Others (See below)**

**Please provide a brief description of relevant community involvement and experience (e.g. occupation, qualifications, skills, etc.)**

I am an academic with the PhD in Organisational and Human Resources Management, experience, vision, and skills; advocating for development and change (i.e. CaLD communities' improvements in services' access and delivery) for greater participation, advancements, integration, inclusion and cohesion. The foregoing also, refers to many involvements with the "Culturally, and Linguistically Diverse Communities" (CaLD) especially "Emerging Communities notable African-Australians including those settling in Regional Victoria, Australia. The following are some of the insights:

- I have been supporting, collaborating and made significant contribution to the multicultural communities in research (knowledge creation), capacity building, cross-cultural knowledge dissemination on access and equity, provision of adequate services, smooth settlement enhancements, integration, inclusion, and cohesion, interfaith endeavors, employment, education, and training. I have advocated for migrants' improved services delivery; (equitable, easily accessible), and fair support including skilled migrants.
- Provided settlement services to African-Australians in Metropolitan and Regional Victoria, (Chair and Board member of EACACOV/ACFA, Future Voices, and the Ethnic Council of Shepparton and Districts, as well Board member of a number of Metropolitan peak set ups),
- Undertaken research and other evidence building initiatives in community services delivery,
- Provided submissions, consultations, and policy reviews to/for policy makers,
- Engaged in migrant mental health, family tensions, parenting and child protection, marginalization, discrimination, and regional settlements of emerging communities, immigration and employment issues.
- I have a Graduate Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling, proficient skills in action research, institutional and relationships engagement and management,
- Organized and participated in conferences and symposia on settlement and integration of the emerging communities mainly those of the African-Australian migrants; e.g. I do organize the Advancing the Africa Australia Agenda of the Africa Day Australia (ADA).

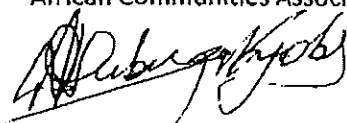
I represent change for greater engagement and advocacy for the emerging communities for example:

- The African communities want change for more engagement with her community leaders, broader societies, deal with prejudice and discrimination I have been a member of the forums for the regards e.g. African Leadership Forum since its inception,
- Supported the view that Government instrumentalities want change for more timely inputs into policies and support, and
- I am part of those who foster a view that African Australians communities want more input into dealings with their issues (more evidence based approach).

I have a vision for example to:

- open up to more grassroots African community involvement, with ECCV,
- enhance relations with all African communities, the Public, Government & other stakeholders, and
- be more proactive and responsive by strengthening \*evidence building, \*support initiatives, \*relationship and networking, \*representation and \*advocacy.

Among others I do represent; Shepparton Ethnic Council & Districts/ Goulburn Valley Ethnic Professionals Association/African Think Tank Inc., African Communities Foundation Australia, and GV African Communities Association, to mention a few.

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