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Letter of intent to participate in the SFI Climate Futures

On behalf of the County governors in Norway that have signed this letter, we confirm our organisation's strong interest and commitment to participate actively as a partner in **Climate Futures**, as set up in the proposal submitted by NORCE to the Research Council of Norway's call for proposals under the SFI programme, i.e. Centres for Research-based Innovation. The proposal number is **300436**.

The main objective of Climate Futures is to co-produce new solutions for predicting and managing climate risks from 10 days to 10 years into the future with a cluster of partners in climate- and weather-sensitive sectors.

The reasons for our interest in participating in the centre are:

- Long term weather predictions are crucial for agriculture
- Results from the centre will benefit prediction of growing season and agricultural yields
- Early warnings of extreme weather and possible risks for agricultural production are essential to reduce negative impacts from such events

The activities of the centre will provide the following benefits and opportunities to our organization, which would not be possible without the centre:

- Increase our competence on climate change adaptation and improve our ability to warn against and reduce impacts from unfavourable climatic conditions on food production
- Extend our network and competence on climate change, and strengthen multi-disciplinary collaboration
- Contribute to collaboration between governmental institutions and private organisations to meet challenges related to climate change hazards

I confirm that we will apply our expertise, knowledge and competence in the following areas:

- Extend and enhance the dissemination of results from the centre to both the general public and to the agricultural sector
- Contribute with our knowledge and competence at meetings and workshops to develop inter-active tools for the benefit of professional farmers and the government



Fylkesmannen

I confirm that, during the lifetime of the centre, our contribution in terms of financing will be in kind support as follows (per annum):

- In kind support by participation and arranging conferences: 40 000 for each County governor

Total sum of in kind support per annum is therefore: 400 000 nok

I confirm that the staff will be made available to fulfil the roles within the centre and that my organization has the capacity to complete the tasks as listed in the proposal.

Your sincerely

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