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## Short welcoming speech on behalf of Lions of Science

For most Europeans Africa is underdeveloped, trigger-happy, corrupt, poor and full of hunger. As a matter of fact this reveals more about the European people than about the citizens of Africa. This wrong point of view allows to preserve colonial attitudes and in comparison to define oneself as higher developed.

The name 'Lions of Science' already expresses a new self-awareness. Lions not are tiny little cats, but strong and powerful animals. Our support for Lions of Science results from our hope that this title does not only reveal certain ambitions but that it will impressively come true.

Whoever wants to do scientific work and research in Africa indeed not has the opportunity to use such rich infrastructural resources and its corresponding subsidies as we in Europe. But if we truly long to contribute to free Africa in an enduring way from its inflicted immaturity, then we are well advised to equip its pioneers of science with all resources and all acknowledgement that are needed.

Calumed addresses all its best wishes to Lions of Science and its laureates. We wish good luck, success and lots of encouraging echo to this project. And we sincerely hope that thus we give a humble input for global peace and reconciliation.

With our best regards from continent to continent and in cordial solidarity

Yours

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