The contemporary global ecological concerns validated in the media have profoundly fascinated my curiosity in studying Environmental Economics at my Masters level and Award in Health and Safety at Work with the British International Safety Organisation where I volunteered for a year to work with African Centre for Rural Development and Environment (ACERDEN) in partnership with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Nigeria. I deem that the magnitude of environmental ecosystem is critical for the endurance and existence of the globe. This particularly urges me in support of the Earth saving initiative with a non-governmental organisation which works in the regards of ensuring a global awakening of all Earth's citizens for the restoration of our planet in optimism to assembling a variance for the environment in the near outlook. The connotation of the environment to the ecosphere incessantly astounds me since it an immeasurably influential force that alters our civilization in every facet, irrespective of being civic, collective or economically.

My concern in the natural ecosystem began in 2015 in Ogun state, Nigeria during a one year compulsory service after graduation from college with a BSc degree in economics while I served as a Unit Leader with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) within my service year. I was tremendously inspired and driven in the environmental entities in the subject such as "Climate Change" and Health and Safety Executive at Work which is considered one of the complex challenges of the world and no country is immune against it impact.

Subsequent to the completion of my training courses with the British International Safety Organisation HSE 1, 2, 3 that is Award in Environmental Awareness, Award in Health and Safety at Work, Award of Basic First Aid/CPR, Fire Safety & Risk Assessment and Award of Risk Assessment Practical Application I was driven in taking Energy and Environmental economics as one of my elective courses in my master's degree in Economic. This courses will extra fortify my interest and familiarity in the environmental realm by showing the importance of safeguarding the planet and modifying our routine conducts to lessen carbon radiation as this subject is gaining global awareness. The courses will provide me with expertise that will promote my grasp of environmental field. This include the negative impact of climate change on agricultural activities, low level of economic growth, poor adaptive capacity, rising temperature and changing precipitation patterns which is affecting crop growth, challenges of addressing food waste which contributes greatly to climate change. It will relish the pragmatism and theoretical learning while researching my Master's degree as this will

immensely help me to finish peripheral and internal duties. During my youth service corp in 2015 I had the opportunity of working with Green Impact International during a Step- out Green Initiative program which centered on ways to mitigate the impact of climate change and how to conserve the environment through tree planting, climate change education, public sensitization and volunteering in tree planting campaign across schools. In addendum, it is pivotal to research on the negative impact the society stands to face if our environment is not protected. This non-governmental organisation helped me achieve greater knowledge on the diverse effects that climate change has on every aspect of the planet and the importance of developing a sustainable environment.

As part of my training with British International Safety Organisation and Green Impact International, I started working on an extended project on the negative impact of climate change in my community at Obafemi Owode and Gwagwalada metropolis, Nigeria which I tagged "Step-Up Green Campaign". One of my goals for this venture was to conduct an ecofriendly and effective planning to create a movement of environmental conscious individuals across nations and which is envisaged to enable a common voice of change and actual participation of change makers in regards of climate change advocacy options, environmental restoration and sustainable development projects. The templates of work takes the form of tree planting campaigns, eco-smart orientation programs, climate change education, green school clubs, public awareness in view of volunteering and capacity enhancement for a more sustained and balanced friendly future. I have had the opportunities to attend numerous environmental conferences like National Post-COP23 Consultative Workshop conferences that held on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018, World Bank Environmental and Social Framework Workshop for Multi-Stakeholders 6th April 2018 and Environmental Governance a Key to Achieving Green Economy with the National Environmental Standards and Regulation Enforcement Agency (NESREA) 12th-13th December, 2017.

I believe that I am a very keen and motivated individual which I perceive to be the significant driving force for academic achievement. Being a passionate student of both national and global economic trends, I have further solidified my qualification and interest by studying allied courses and programs that can bear on national economies. Having attended a bilingual and international school, I have gained a relevant skills of being fluent in both English and Hausa. I am emotionally stable; I also have the ability to work with or without supervision and

possesses an excellent teamwork spirit. I am always punctual to meet deadlines for tasks and assignments. I believe that this course will grossly affect my future chances of thriving to improve and renovate our environment for the best.

I believe the onus is on us humans to mitigate the negative impact of climate change on nature and people's lives. I fervently believe the road to halting climate change all over the world is through sensitizing humanity at a very young age, so that they can cut down on the use of ozone-depleting products as they grow up, as well embrace the environment in their neighbourhood, one piece of nature at a time.

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