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Re: Motivation letter for M.Sc. Management of Development

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my interest in M.Sc. Management of Development offered by Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences. With a Bachelor's degree in Education, I wish to broaden my academic knowledge in development management and enhance my professional performance to contribute to sustainable development.

After careful review of the programme's curriculum, I have realized that the courses offered fully suit my career goals. My ambition is to become a development management expert with a focus on social inclusion and gender equality. To this end, the *Management of Development Professionalism* and *Rural Development Theory* modules will prepare me to lead institutions in the field of development and critically review current debates in rural development.

Importantly, Van Hall Larenstein university's mission of training students to become high-quality, ambitious and innovative professionals who contribute to a more sustainable world resonates deeply with my professional and personal aspirations. I believe that my experience and motivation will make me an important addition to the programme and will prepare me to make a global impact in the field of development.

As a Project Officer with KWID, my role has required my leadership in ensuring effective implementation of development activities towards improving the participation in society, particularly for women and girls. Through this experience, I have noted that although Uganda has made huge progress in embracing social inclusion, significant challenges for social inclusion remain, and new ones are emerging. Pursuing a M.Sc. Management of Development (Social Inclusion, Gender and Youth Specialisation) would enhance my capacity to implement development interventions to bridge these gaps, bring social inclusion to the forefront and improve the well-being of all people.

While studying at VHL, I will not only attend lessons and public lectures by leading professionals but also enjoy the cultural facilities in Velp and Leeuwarden. I will further interact with students from different fields and be mentored by outstanding faculty among whom is Dr. Pleun Arensbergen who I desire to work with on my research project. Similarly, I am interested in real-world internships and excursions with leading development agencies from which I will gain practical experiences in managing development. I further look forward to enhancing my competences in project design, management and development research. I will also be equipped to define the needs of marginalised people, design interventions to mitigate their challenges and mainstream social inclusion and gender equality in development.

Post-study, I intend to use my skills to support KWID's target of promoting gender equality and reducing inequalities not only in Kigezi sub-region but in the whole of Uganda. Additionally, I intend to train fellow KWID staff through monthly intra-organisational Continuous Professional Development activities as well as with other civil society workers in Uganda. I will further continue raising public awareness on gender equality through a Youth Development radio talk-show on which I am a panellist and a gender equality blog which I co-founded (<https://blogunsaid.wordpress.com>). At community level, I will contribute to socio-economic and political development by designing and managing development programmes aimed at enhancing social inclusion and contributing to attainment of SDG 5.

Yours sincerely,
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