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**Hiring Manager**  
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Dear Hiring Manager,

**RE: Application for Research Assistant - Agroforestry Scaling**

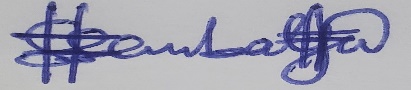
I am excited to apply for the position of **Research Assistant - Agroforestry Scaling** under the Investing in Forests and Protected Areas for Climate Smart Development (IFPA-CD) Project. With a **BSc in Forestry (First Class) from Makerere University** and currently pursuing a **Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics (Third Best in Africa for three semesters),** I bring a strong background in agroforestry, research, and extension services that align with the project's objectives.

My experience in **data collection, analysis, and extension services** is extensive. I worked with CIFOR-ICRAF's related initiatives such as the **EURECCCA Project** and **SURE-WET Project,** where I conducted research, engaged with stakeholders, and contributed to impact assessments. Additionally, my role in the **World Bank e-Voucher Program under MAAIF** equipped me with skills in farmer engagement and agricultural extension.

I have a **strong command of GIS (QGIS), R, STATA, SPSS, and digital data collection tools** which are essential for monitoring agroforestry adoption and assessing impacts. My ability to train and interact with smallholder farmers was demonstrated in my roles at **Besepo Company Limited and Uganda Electricity Distribution Company Limited**, where I provided technical training on tree management and nursery operations. Beyond research, I have honed my **communication and leadership skills**, including preparing training materials, facilitating workshops, and leading teams in field activities. My experience in nursery management and pole treatment at **Nabyeya Forestry College** and **Uganda Electricity Distribution Company** further strengthens my ability to support agroforestry interventions in refugee-hosting communities.

I am eager to contribute my expertise in agroforestry scaling, data analysis, and field extension to ensure the success of this project. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how my skills and experience align with your needs. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Bes** **t regards,**

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**Ronald Ssembatya**