Enclosure to the application for Swedish Institute Scholarships for Global Professionals for master’s level studies in Sweden starting in the academic year 2025/2026

*The form must be completed in English. Additional pages will not be considered. Referees must sign and stamp the forms with the official organisation stamp, then convert them to PDF format.*

**LETTER OF REFERENCE FORM (Two pages maximum including this page)**

| FIRST NAME(S) of applicant (as written in the passport) | Ridwat |
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| SURNAME(S) of applicant (as written in the passport) | Salaam |
| DATE OF BIRTH of applicant (YYYY-MM-DD) | 1999-03-25 |
| CITIZENSHIP of applicant | Nigerian |

| FULL NAME of referee |  |
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| ORGANISATION/UNIVERSITY that the referee represents and the applicant works/worked or studies/studied at |  |
| TITLE/POSITION of referee at the referring organisation/university |  |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS of referee (preferably work e-mail) |  |
| TELEPHONE NUMBER of referee (with country code) | +234 8162756814 |

| What is the letter of reference based on: | Work experience |
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| In what capacity do you know the applicant | She is one of our employees at Abibas Agro Enterprise. |
| How long has the applicant been working/studying with you at your organisation/university? Please specify number of hours. | She has worked for 3,000 hours in our farm. |

| In your view, how would an SI scholarship for master’s studies in Sweden enhance the applicant's capacity for professional and academic growth?  Having demonstrated practical wherewithal at Abibas Agro Enterprise as a Fish Processing Technologist, I firmly believe that the SI scholarship for master's studies in Sweden will enhance Ridwat's capacity, particularly in the field of Animal science and production. There is no mincing words that supporting her to pursue a master's in Animal Science at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences will not only contribute to her personal growth but also benefit the community at large in terms of food sufficiency and productivity. |
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| Briefly comment on the applicant’s capacity to contribute to and/or drive social changes in his/her context.  Ridwat has demonstrated the capacity to not only instigate but also sustain positive social changes. When she got employed at Abibas Agro Enterprise two years ago, we were only rearing and selling live catfish, including fingerlings and juveniles. However, she brought her dexterity and experience on board by adding more value to our farm products, which include oven-dried fish. This not only boosted our revenue base but also increased our customer base. I firmly believe she has the innovative drive to bring about better social changes. |
| Assess the applicant's leadership potential and their ability to contribute to societal development through qualities like networking, determination, analytical and critical thinking, and communication. Please a give a concrete example.  Ridwat has leadership qualities and has demonstrated those values in the areas of excellent communication, analytics, and critical thinking. While working at Abibas Agro Enterprise, she facilitated a training programme for fish farmers in Ilorin environs, Kwara State, Nigeria, in 2024. She was not only able to express herself freely in English but also translated it into the local Yoruba dialect for the native farmers to understand. |
| Additional remarks (optional) |

I hereby declare that I wrote the letter of reference on behalf of the referring organisation. The information I provide is based on facts and my observations about the applicant’s qualities and performance.

***Date and place (city, country) Signature of referee Official stamp of the referred organisation***