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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am excited to submit my application for the AGNES Early Career Climate Fellowship Programme. As a recent graduate with a Bachelor's in Medical Laboratory Science from Masinde Muliro University, I am passionate about addressing climate challenges and eager to contribute to the climate science-policy-practice interface.

During my academic journey, I have taken the initiative in various environmental activities, such as planting trees in our gully-eroded landscape in my village, cleaning the environment, and advocating for the clearing and protection of water sources. These activities have provided me with hands-on experience in environmental conservation and have deepened my understanding of the practical implications of climate science and the importance of effective policy development.

I am particularly drawn to this Fellowship because it emphasizes the development of independent careers and practical experiential learning. The opportunity to work within the NDC Delivery Lab excites me, as it will allow me to apply my academic knowledge to real-world challenges and bridge the gap between science, policy, and practice.

My experience and skills make me a strong candidate for this Fellowship. I have a proven ability to work independently and in multidisciplinary teams, and I am adept at conducting research and analysis. My strong communication skills, both written and verbal, enable me to convey complex information effectively. Additionally, my creative and critical thinking abilities have been honed through my academic and practical experiences, allowing me to develop innovative solutions to environmental challenges.

I am committed to becoming a climate leader in Kenya, and I believe that the AGNES ECCF program will provide the ideal platform to achieve this goal. I am eager to contribute to innovative climate action plans and be part of a network of experts dedicated to addressing climate risks.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how my background, skills, and ambitions align with the goals of the AGNES Early Career Climate Fellowship Programme.

Sincerely,

Diana Otieno.