## **Profile**



# Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science

Progressing Gender-Responsive Climate Finance



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Lydia Muriithi is a PhD candidate at the University of Embu. Her current research explores the effects of climate change on crops, livestock, food distribution, safety, and appropriate climatesmart technologies that can increase resilience in communities. She is involved in a project that aims to understand climate finance for adaptation and its effects on food and nutritional security among women farmers in Kenya. Lydia says, "By identifying the vulnerabilities, we can help ensure that adaptation finance trickles down to rural farmers."

Lydia joined the AWARD Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science with the hope of sharpening her communication and leadership skills to engage better with various stakeholders. "By joining this program, I have been able to move out of my comfort zone and understand myself better," she says.

To younger women considering the program, Lydia says, "This program will expand your global networks and give you a sense of belonging in your communities and most importantly, in science."



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