

# Profile



## Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science

### Promoting Agroecological Farming for Climate Resilience

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Rejoice Nyoni is a PhD candidate who focuses on promoting agroecological farming as a pathway to climate adaptation. Inspired by the possibilities of seeing rural family farms flourish, she engages with farmers and stakeholders to identify gaps and challenges in Zimbabwe's information value chain. “I believe as an African scientist, I hold the keys to improving our own agriculture by coming up with innovative technologies through directly working with the farmers,” she says.

Reflecting on her experience during the AWARD Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science, she adds, “The skills have helped me to be more effective in my research as I work with farmers and stakeholders carrying out trainings.” Rejoice hopes to become a mentor to young women professionals rising in the agriculture sector and to make a difference in her community by equipping the youth with climate smart agricultural skills through a learning hub.

“From helping me to see clearly where I want to go and what I need to equipping me with the necessary skills of proposal writing and understanding gender. I would recommend this course to any young women interested in research and development as a priority,” Rejoice says.

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