## Motivation letter for travel bursary-AES for Tryphina Dube Takaza

My motivation to submit an application for the Travel bursary for AES Annual Conference emanates from the fact that I am a mature woman and a member of Agriculture Economic Society and unemployed. I have been a full-time student with Women's University in Africa based in Zimbabwe. I graduated for my PhD in Agribusiness Management in November 2022 and currently looking for a job. I attended the 2022 AES annual conference hosted by Belgium where I presented a poster and was awarded a prize of the best poster. It was my first time to attend an international conference which was an eye opener to me. I am motivated to attend the coming conference as I believe would benefit from the discussions and contributed papers. The conference would be an opportunity to network and will benefit from cross pollination of ideas with regards to current topics in Agricultural Economics and related fields. This conference will sharpen my academic skills as the conference provides a platform for authors to present work that considers new ideas and approaches. By presenting my contributed/discussion paper I would get comments from participants that will assist me to improve my article before publishing the paper to the AES journal.