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**Senior Program Officer**  
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)  
Abuja

**Attention: Julius Mensah**

Dear Sir,

### **RE: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA (AUN)**

On behalf of the Management of ExxonMobil affiliates in Nigeria, it is my pleasure to recommend the AUN sustainability projects for sponsorship with your organisation.

ExxonMobil recently sponsored the American University of Nigeria (AUN) on two laudable projects: **"Waste to Wealth and Creating with Threads"**. Both projects were aimed at empowering local community women in Yola, Adamawa state. During our partnership, AUN maintained high integrity and capability stewarding the projects. The project impacted over 100 local women, providing them with vocational skills, a source of income, and a sense of belonging.

The process involved the collection of otherwise discarded materials such as unpleasant polyethylene bags and unusable scraps of fabric. Aside from earning income for the collectors, the raw materials which previously littered the environment were creatively converted to household items like mats, baskets, bags etc. The items sell for reasonable prices, but more importantly, women who previously had limited options for self-improvement are now given a second chance to improve their standard of living and that of their immediate families.

In addition, the projects were nominated under the category of poverty reduction during the highly acclaimed Social Enterprise Report and Awards (SERAs), resulting in ExxonMobil's emergence as Best Company in Poverty Reduction.

Continued support will enable AUN to reach out to a many more communities and even to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Adamawa state.

We are satisfied with AUN's performance/ achievements and recommend them for your support.

Very truly yours,

  
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