**MENTEE APPLICATION FORM**

***2nd COHORT APPLICATION***

[Downloadable Form] The application form,

Thank you for your interest in applying to AWOLA 2nd cohort!

PELUM is excited to launch the Africa ​Women Leaders in Agroecology (AWOLA) ​Mentorship program. AWOLA is a leadership career development initiative, with the aim of equipping women with leadership skills. Through the AWOLA initiative, the PELUM network envisions strengthening leadership capacities and the active participation of women in agroecology and related fields.

We are seeking self-driven and committed women professionals to be mentees to contribute to advancing the leadership of African women in Agroecology.

**Please note: The deadline for this application is 30th September 2023 by 11:00 PM Time East Africa Time**

Confidentiality: All information submitted as part of this application process will be reviewed confidentially by a diverse review panel including PELUM staff and advisors. The selection process is rigorous based on suitability and diversity.

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**Applicant Information:**

* First Name / Given Name
* Preferred Name (if different from First Name)
* Surname
* Email
* Phone Number with Country Code
* Nationality
* Current Country of Residence
* Current Region where you work
* Current place of work (if working in an institution)

**Academic:** What is your highest level of education (tick where appropriate)

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| Education level | Tick |
| Degree |  |
| Masters |  |
| PHD |  |

**Work:** What is your current professional status

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| Current role |  |
| Department |  |
| Organization |  |
| Organization type | Government, NGO, CSO, Private sector, Regional and subregional bodies, Academia  (others ……………….. |

**Application Questions:**

1. What does great leadership mean to you and what specific changes would you like to see within agriculture and food systems to make leadership better?

*(Please be as explicit as possible and provide examples to support your response*

*(WRITTEN RESPONSE –*

*1,000 characters or less)*

1. What is one of the biggest leadership challenges that you are navigating right now; and how do you think AWOLA mentorship experience could help you address it?

*(Please be as explicit as possible and provide examples to support your response (WRITTEN RESPONSE –*

*600 characters or less)*

1. You are applying to join AWOLA as a mentee. Could you summarize your experience to date, working to transform agriculture, food systems and related sectors?

*(Please be as explicit as possible and provide examples to support your response (WRITTEN RESPONSE –*

*1000 characters or less)*

1. The AWOLA initiative also seems to support mentees in the development and deployment of agroecology as a transformative agriculture and food systems approach,

* In your opinion what is agroecology
* Describe how your work has contributed to shaping agroecology agenda national at country level or even globally

*(Please be as explicit as possible and provide examples to support your response (WRITTEN RESPONSE –*

*600 characters or less)*

5) What support would you need to strengthen your capacity and engagement in the leadership as you engage in rethinking agriculture and food systems transformation

*(Please be as explicit as possible and provide examples to support your response (WRITTEN RESPONSE –*

*600 characters or less)*

6)With only 10 slots available and as a pioneer mentee for the AWOLA initiative, why do you believe you are the best placed to take up the chance? And why is this opportunity important to you now? (VIDEO RESPONSE – less than 2 min)

7. What else should we know about you and your aspirations which is not on your CV or in this application? (VIDEO RESPONSE – less than 2 min)

8. If you do not meet the second eligibility criteria listed at the beginning of this form, please share an explanation of your eligibility here (WRITTEN RESPONSE – 1,000 characters or less):

*(Please be as explicit as possible and provide examples to support your response (WRITTEN RESPONSE –*

*1000 characters or less)*

*Please attach your 2-page CV in PDF or Microsoft Word formats.*

*Applicants can also include any social media accounts, e.g., LinkedIn, as optional*

Please carefully review your responses and uploaded files above.

**Applicant Commitments: (check boxes)**

* I confirm that I personally filled out this application and my responses are honest, accurate and done with integrity
* I understand that if am selected as one of the top candidates, I will be asked to participate in a brief video interview in English

**Declaration**

I declare that all information provided is accurate and complete. I understand that inaccurate or false information provided on this form will automatically lead to my disqualification.

For any further clarification needed, please email this form to: [info@pelumkenya.net](mailto:info@pelumkenya.net) copied to [ratemo@pelumkenya.net](mailto:ratemo@pelumkenya.net)

Thank you!

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