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The memories of the unique learning experience offered by the Global Enterprise Experience (GEE) will continue to linger in my mind for a very long time. And I have decided to put them into writing, so as kindle my interest and that of others in our societies for years to come. Born, the fifth female child in a family of fifteen and raised in a community that believes formal education is not for female children, I count myself lucky to have received one. Although, a fresh university graduate, I see myself somewhat as a feminist, and I worry much on unemployment and the way it affects women.

I learnt about the GEE from a close friend of mine - Muideen who is also my partner in the competition. The theme of this year's competition itself really got me thinking. I was surprised during the group's brainstorming sessions that some of the environmental problems in the world are the same. For example, greenhouse gases emissions is a global phenomenon, though the degree to which it is prevalent varies among regions. Nonetheless, we deliberated on the various ways of mitigating these gases while giving much attention to our communities.

Participating in the GEE itself is not quite easy, as the internet facility in my workplace broke down during the competition and I had to spend extra money browsing outside my workplace. With the rising costs of living and internet costs owing to the global financial meltdown, this was not quite easy. I accompanied my partner to "Gaa Fulani", a livestock-dependent community in my town to learn about their perception on livestock keeping and climate change. Their contributions were an eye-opener as I discovered that Climate Change policies in Nigeria are formulated based on the top-down-approach with little inputs from the rural people. Our business concept proposal was developed based on the interactions we had with the community. I am particularly thrilled about our proposal which is on establishing biogas plants in livestock-keeping communities. This is due to the fact that rural women will now be able to spend less time in managing livestock waste.

Armed with the knowledge gained during this competition, I hope to work with the Gaa Fulani community to manage their cattle waste effectively. I also wish to send a copy of our group's proposal and recommendations to the appropriate authorities for necessary action.

This is my first time of participating in a competition of this nature and I cherish every moment of it. I hope it is the same for all participants. Hopefully, I will be participating in next year competition as well. A big thank you to my team mates for making the experience worthwhile.