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Chimere May Ohajinwa is driven by a vision of sustainable development in low resource settings whose people are healthy, happy, and empowered. She believes that achieving sustainable development does not necessarily require reinventing the wheel or rocket science, rather already existing means can be strengthened. Her desire to see a positive impact in society motivated her to work on various development-related projects with local and international not-for-profit organisations for over 7 years before embarking on her PhD programme at Leiden University. These works have exposed Chimere to experience the workings of the “formal and informal”, “rural and urban”, and “multicultural” settings, which she enjoys.



Her PhD research titled *“Environmental and Health impacts of informal electronic waste recycling”* stems from the passion to make a positive difference, and the concerns of potential environmental and health impact of increasing volumes of e-waste which is recycled informally in the urban cities in developing countries.

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