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**APPLICATION ESSAY
Next Generation Resource Governance Leaders Program
(Cohort 11)**

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Question 1

Local content policies are widely promoted as tools for enhancing domestic participation and economic linkages within extractive industries. However, implementation outcomes across Africa have been mixed. Using relevant country or sectoral examples, evaluate the effectiveness of local content policies in the extractive sector and discuss measures needed to strengthen their developmental impact.

Question 2

Climate finance has emerged as an important mechanism for supporting mitigation and adaptation efforts in developing countries. However, many African countries continue to face difficulties in accessing climate finance. With examples, discuss the key barriers limiting access to climate finance in Africa and propose strategies for improving its governance and utilization.