

**SPEECH OF HONORABLE DR SELEMANI SAID JAFO (MP), MINISTER  
OF STATE, VICE PRESIDENT’S OFFICE OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC  
OF TANZANIA DURING THE OPENING OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE  
AND  
DEVELOPMENT MEETING, HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2022 AT  
SERENA HOTEL, DAR ES SALAAM CITY, TANZANIA**

**Honorable Harusi Said Suleiman, Minister of State, The First Vice  
President’s Office, Zanzibar**

**Honorable Amos Makalla, The Regional Commissioner for Dar es Salaam  
Region**

**His Excellency David Concar, High Commissioner of United Kingdom in  
Tanzania**

**Distinguished Guests**

**Participants**

**Members of the Media**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I would like to start my opening remarks by thanking the Almighty for granting us good health and travel blessings which have enabled us to attend this important meeting here in Dar es Salaam. In a very special way, I would like to convey to you all, warm heart-felt greetings from **Her Excellency, Samia Suluhu Hassan, The President of the United Republic of Tanzania** and the good people of the

**United Republic of Tanzania.** Indeed we welcome you to our beloved Tanzania, the land of Kilimanjaro, Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Zanzibar. **KARIBU SANA**

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I have been briefed that the objective of this meeting is to prepare Senior Officials from Governments and International Organizations which will set the foundation for informed discussions during the Ministerial meeting of the upcoming United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to be held on 13 to 27 September, 2022 in New York, USA and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) CoP 27 to be held on November, 2022 in Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt.

The United Republic of Tanzania appreciates efforts of this kind and other collective measures taken by member states of the UNFCCC in implementing interventions geared at upscaling mitigation and adaptation measures as stipulated in the Kyoto Protocol of 1997 and the Paris Agreement of 2015. Furthermore, The United Republic of Tanzania, commends efforts taken in promoting access to climate finance through multilateral and bilateral institutions including those invited in this gathering.

In this regard this is a strategic meeting that will provide valuable input to global efforts to address practically the challenges of climate financing.

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The United Republic of Tanzania like many other countries around the world, is stressed by negative impacts of climate change occurring in different forms such low production of food caused by perennial droughts and floods, destruction of infrastructure, land degradation, deterioration of water sources, loss of biodiversity, invasive species, migration and eruption of diseases. Due to these

impacts, Tanzania spends an average of USD 500 million per annum on mitigation measures.

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Tanzania NDC had committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions between 30-35% relative to the Business-As-Usual scenario by 2030, whereby about 138 - 153 million tons of carbon dioxide is expected to be reduced, depending on the baseline efficiency improvements, consistent with its sustainable development agenda. The NDC estimates that **USD 19.2 billion** is needed for implementation of adaptation and mitigation contributions for the period of five years from 2021-2026 of which **USD 275 million** is for forests and land use.

In view of that, Tanzania has developed various frameworks geared at mobilizing climate finance to address the adverse impacts of climate change experiencing in the country. Such frameworks include; National Environment Policy (2021), National Climate Change Response Strategy (2021-2026); Zanzibar Climate Change Strategy (2014); and National Environment Master Plan for Strategic Interventions (2022-2032). The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has **received USD 136 million** to implement 40 climate resilient projects in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar between 2016 and 2022,

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In addition to the frameworks and policies, during the World Environment Day in June 2022, the Government of Tanzania launched the Master Plan for Environmental interventions (2022 -2032). This is a strategic instrument to guide initiation of projects and source funding by considering spatial diversity environmental challenges across the country.

Additionally in order enhance effective administration of the carbon credit business, thus increase strategic ventures to enhance fiscal space and attaining NDC ambitions, we have reviewed the National Carbon Trading Guidelines and developed a new National Carbon Trading Regulations. These documents will be shared with you as we continue sharing experience in addressing these challenges.

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Finally I would like to commend the organizers, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Government of the United Kingdom for making this meeting possible within a very demanding timeframe. I also thank you, participants for availing your precious time to attend this important meeting.

**Distinguished Guests and Participants** ladies and gentlemen, it is now my pleasure and honor to declare this meeting officially opened.

**THANK YOU**