

**WORKSHOP ON NEXUS BETWEEN AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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**CLOSING SPEECH FOR MINISTER OF STATE VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
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Representatives from Government,
Officials from Royal Norwegian Embassy,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is with immense gratitude and a sense of accomplishment that I stand before you today as we close this workshop on the vital nexus between agriculture and climate change. Over the past 50 years, we have had an incredible opportunity to come together, exchange knowledge, and deliberate on the challenges and opportunities that lie before us as we strive to secure a sustainable future for United republic of Tanzania.

First and foremost, allow me to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all participants – our researchers, practitioners, policymakers, farmers, and development partners – for your active engagement, insightful contributions, and unwavering commitment to addressing the critical intersection of agriculture and climate change. Your expertise and shared experiences have greatly enriched this forum and charted a path forward.

Agriculture remains the backbone of Tanzania's economy, providing livelihoods for most of our people and contributing significantly to national food security and economic growth. However, we are acutely aware that this vital sector is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Rising temperatures, erratic rainfall, prolonged droughts, and other extreme weather events pose significant threats to agricultural productivity, ecosystems, and rural livelihoods.

This workshop has illuminated several key takeaways:

- The urgent need to integrate climate-smart agricultural practices that enhance productivity while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- The importance of advancing research, innovation, and technology transfer to enable farmers to adapt to changing climate conditions.
- The critical role of community engagement, gender inclusion, and equitable resource distribution in achieving sustainable agricultural development.
- The necessity of policy coherence and collaboration across sectors to achieve our shared goals.

As we close this forum, I urge all of us to translate the knowledge gained and the resolutions made here into concrete actions. Let us ensure that the outcomes of this workshop serve as a roadmap for building resilience in our agricultural systems, enhancing food security, and mitigating the impacts of climate change on our environment and communities.

The Vice President's Office assure its commitment to supporting policies and programs that promote sustainable agriculture and address the pressing challenges of climate change. We will continue to work closely with all stakeholders to mobilize resources, strengthen capacities, and drive impactful change. We also look forward to the successful of the existing projects and new

one that will show commitment in the implementation of our Mou which signed September 2023 which enhance climate related collaboration between Norway and Tanzania through a renewed bilateral partnership.

In conclusion, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway and NORAD for their tireless efforts in ensuring the success of this event. To our international partners and sponsors, your support is deeply valued and appreciated.

To everyone present here, your dedication inspires hope. Together, we can and must build a more sustainable, resilient, and prosperous future for Tanzania and the generations to come

Finally, I' would also like to take this opportunity to launch the project named as Scaling-up Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for Climate Change Resilience in Tanzania (RESOLVE-NbS) which will be implemented by IUCN. "Tanzania is committed to integrating Nature-based Solutions into our climate policies and practices. The RESOLVE-NbS project aligns with our national priorities, offering practical solutions and a contribution that will enhance resilience and protect vital ecosystems"

Thank you once again, and I wish you all safe travels and continued success in your endeavours.

Asanteni Sana.