

NATIONAL STATEMENT BY HON. DR. SELEMANI SAIDI JAFO (MP), MINISTER OF STATE IN THE VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (UNION AND ENVIRONMENT) OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA MADE ON BEHALF OF HER EXCELLENCY DR. SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AT THE 6TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY, HELD FROM 26TH FEBRUARY TO 1ST MARCH, 2024, NAIROBI, KENYA

Your Excellency, Dr. Leila Benali, President of UNEA and Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco, Executive Director of UNEP, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good evening

Madam President,

I am truly honored and privileged to make a statement at this **Sixth Session of United National Environment Assembly** on behalf of Her Excellency, Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Madam President,

On behalf of the United Republic of Tanzania delegation, allow me to take this opportunity to thank the government and people of Republic of Kenya for the excellent hospitality accorded to my delegation since our arrival in this beautiful City of Nairobi.

Madam President,

In our journey towards a sustainable future, Tanzania recognizes the interconnectedness of the environmental challenges of climate

change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, requiring collective action at both local and global levels.

To tackle these challenges, our country is implementing the National Climate Change Response Strategy 2021 – 2026 and the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement, focusing on mitigation and adaptation strategies.

We have prioritized renewable energy programmes, including solar and hydropower projects, conservation of forest resources through REDD+ initiatives, modernizing roads and railway transport systems, and implementing climate-smart agriculture programmes.

Madam President,

Tanzania being endowed with rich biodiversity; we are committed to the sustainable management of this precious resource. We are taking seriously conservation measures to protect our diverse flora and fauna, including the establishment of protected areas, wildlife corridors and sustainable management practices.

Madam President.

Pollution management is also a top priority for Tanzania. We have implemented robust regulatory frameworks to control air and water pollution, promote waste management, and mitigate the adverse impacts of pollution on our environment.

We have decided to ban production, importation, exportation, sale and use of plastic carrier bags as well as developing the regulations for enforcement of this practice.

Madam President,

No single nation can achieve environmental sustainability in isolation. We call for developed nations to support developing countries with technology transfer, capacity building, and adequate financial resources to implement and achieve their environmental goals.

Madam President,

By working together, through effective, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions, we can overcome the environmental challenges of our time and build a brighter future for generations to come.

Let's plan together and work together for the brighter future of our children and their grandchildren.

I Thank you for your attention.