

STATEMENT BY HON. ANGELINE MABULA (MP), MINISTER FOR LANDS, HOUSING AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, AT THE HABITAT II ASSEMBLY; NAIROBI, KENYA; 5-9 JUNE 2023

Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates.

At the outset let me present the warm greetings from Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania who could not join us due to the exigency of other commitments. Let me present Her complements to His Excellency President Ruto and the people of Kenya for hosting this conference. We express our appreciation to the UN-Habitat team for the excellent organization of this Assembly.

Tanzania's urbanization trend is growing at a very fast rate, currently at 4.8 percent annually with 35% of the current population of 61.7 million living in urban areas. The government is putting every effort to put the needed infrastructure, housing and services to accommodate this rate. Climate change impacts are constraining the capacity of the government to meet the needs. To address the challenges the government is focusing on conducive housing financing, promoting low emission transport systems, floods management systems; greening the cities initiatives; building resilience to sea level rise; and clean energy technologies for power generation.

Additionally, out of the 3,400 informal settlements, 61% percent have been transformed. The mentioned programmes are part of the implementation of our NDCs under the Paris agreement. The increased impacts of climate change are accelerating the urban immigration and the associated costs that cannot be met by the government alone. At minimum Tanzanian needs USD 19 billion to address these impacts by 2030 including in urban areas.

Lastly, on behalf of Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of Tanzania I wish to invite you to the Africa's Food Systems Summit, AGRAF, to be held from 4th to 6th September, 2023 in Dar es Salaam. It will be an opportunity for a reflection of Africa's ambition to move forward the transformation of the food system amidst the changing climate and urban migration. We welcome you all to Tanzania, the land of Kilimanjaro, Zanzibar and Oldivai Gorge in the Eastern Serengeti plains, the only source of early Human Evolution.

I thank you