

Joint Statement on a Climate Partnership between the United Republic of Tanzania and the Kingdom of Norway

Honourable Dr. Selemani Said Jafo, Minister of State, Vice President's Office Responsible for Union Affairs and Environment, and Honourable, Anne Beathe Tvinnereim Minister of International Development Kingdom of Norway, met during the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and issued the following joint statement to renew and deepen the current climate partnership from 2008.

1. Introduction

Climate change continues to be one of the biggest global challenges to sustained livelihood, environmental sustainability, and economic development. An increasing number of countries are severely affected but lack sufficient resources and capacities to adapt to the impact of changing weather patterns. It is of great concern that climate change continues to contribute to an increasing number of people in the world without access to sufficient and nutritious food and water.

The United Republic of Tanzania and the Kingdom of Norway recognized this in a Letter of Intent signed by the two governments in 2008 to jointly address the challenges of climate change. Both governments considered adaptation and mitigation of climate change as urgent and of high political priority. The poor are the most vulnerable to climate change, *while* contributing the least to the climate crisis.

The United Republic of Tanzania has developed national environmental policies and sector strategies that address climate challenges and climate mitigation. The Tanzanian government has submitted ambitious targets in the National Determined Contributions (NDC) under the Paris Agreement. The government of Tanzania has shown national leadership as well as taken a visible role in the international climate negotiations.

The Norwegian minister of international development visited Tanzania in September 2022 and held high level political discussions with Her Excellency, President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Honourable minister responsible for environment, Dr Selemani Jafo, and several other ministers. The discussions confirmed that The United Republic of Tanzania and the Kingdom of Norway continue to share political commitment to address the causes of- and the impact of climate change. The Norwegian government stands by the commitments made during COP 26 in Glasgow 2021 to double Norway's climate finance by 2026 at the latest and at least triple the efforts to support adaptation to climate change.

The objective of the bilateral cooperation is to strengthen the implementation of Tanzania's climate policies to realize its climate ambitions. The renewed bilateral partnership will both build on existing program activities and open for new areas of cooperation.

The two countries propose to work together on the following thematic areas under the partnership:

- Climate – *Support to national climate policy implementation such as the NDC and increased access to international climate finance*
- Local government climate action - *Decentralised climate finance and investments*

The partnership will also address climate change as a cross cutting issue in agriculture and energy under the ongoing programs supported by Norway.

In addition to the specific sectors, the partnership may include collaboration in support of climate change capacity building and policy implementation through additional channels and initiatives, such as research programs and partnerships between Tanzanian and Norwegian research institutions.

We hereby re-affirm the commitment to strengthen and deepen the bilateral climate partnership between the countries. We remain committed to working together to address climate change and its adverse impacts on food security, environment, and national economic development. The partnership will support Tanzania's climate resilience and jointly contribute to the international fight against climate change.

In many countries women are in the frontline in the fight against the effects of climate change. We emphasise the role and responsibility of women in any climate action.

The bilateral climate partnership underlines our commitment to seek closer bilateral political dialogue and consultations in connection with Norwegian support to climate programs in Tanzania.