

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



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**ON THE OCCASION OF HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT - UN CLIMATE
CHANGE CONFERENCE IN BONN, GERMANY, ON 15TH – 16TH
NOVEMBER, 2017**

Your Excellency **Frank Bainimarama**, the Prime Minister of Fiji;

Her Excellency **Angela Merkel**, Chancellor, Federal Republic of Germany;

Your Excellencies, Heads of States and Government;

Your Excellency **António Guterres**, the United Nations Secretary-General;

Your Excellency, **Patricia Espinosa**, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;

Distinguished Delegates:

I sincerely thank the Government and the people of Fiji for presiding over this 23rd session of the conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP 23) – the first time for a Small Island Development State to preside over the COP. Allow me also to extend our gratitude to the

Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for the warm hospitality in the City of Bonn.

Kenya associates itself with the statements made by the Republic of Gabon on behalf of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC); Republic of Mali on behalf of the African Group; and the Republic of Ecuador on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Bonn Climate Change Conference is being held in the backdrop of the recent extreme weather events that have devastated the lives of millions of people and caused damage to infrastructure across the globe. I would like, on behalf of the Government and the people of Kenya, to empathise with all states and communities that have been adversely affected. These are clear indicators that we must act together to address climate change, lest we perish together.

Kenya looks forward to a concerted multilateral engagement towards the implementation of the Paris Agreement in a manner that reflects equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in light of different national circumstances, and in the context of sustainable development. Finalization of the implementation guidelines of the Agreement by 2018 should be in a comprehensive, balanced and coherent manner addressing mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity building.

We welcome the global response to climate change through the nationally determined contributions that Parties to the Agreement will undertake and communicate. Further, Kenya supports the operationalization of the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage. We hope that this will lead to useful tools and methods to address the needs and special circumstances of developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

We also appreciate the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action Agenda that enhances pre-2020 ambition and fosters the linkages between climate action and the sustainable development goals.

Excellencies, ladies and Gentlemen:

Kenya aspires to achieve its development agenda through a low carbon and climate resilient development pathway. To this end, our Climate Change Act, 2016, provides the legal framework for the mainstreaming of climate change actions into policy, planning, budgeting and implementation at national and sub-national levels. Climate change actions are currently being considered under the medium-term planning process to implement Vision 2030, which guides the implementation of our NDC. Adaptation actions are a priority, particularly in view of the increasing frequency and intensity of extreme climate and weather events. Implementation of these national climate actions requires international support in form of finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity building.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In conclusion, Kenya views the Climate Convention as the primary global framework for collective global action in addressing climate change and therefore expects the Paris Agreement work programme to advance with a clear road map.

I thank you.