

**Letter of Intent  
between  
The United Republic of Tanzania  
and  
The Kingdom of Norway  
on  
a Climate Change Partnership  
with a focus on reduced emissions from deforestation**

Climate change is one of the biggest global problems posing challenges to sustainable livelihoods and economic development, particularly for least developed countries like Tanzania. The adverse impacts of climate change on the environment, human health, food security, human settlements, economic activities, natural resources and physical infrastructure are already noticeable in many countries, including Tanzania. The Governments of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Kingdom of Norway are both committed to work actively to address the challenges of climate change. Both governments consider adaptation to and mitigation of climate change as urgent and of high political priority.

Recent studies have estimated that emission from deforestation contributes 18 - 20% of the total global emissions. The 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties (CP-13), and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Parties (CMP.3) to the Kyoto Protocol of the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Bali, December 2007, identified four key issues to focus on in the Bali Action plan to address Climate change now and in the future. The key issues identified are: adaptation, mitigation, technology transfer and financial mechanisms to support implementation particularly of mitigation and adaptation activities. Capacity building as a cross-cutting issue is also a prerequisite. The Conference further agreed to promote collaboration between countries in order to promote activities that can contribute

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to reducing deforestation and forest degradation through what is known as Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (REDD). It was agreed that this may take the form of, *inter alia*, promoting capacity building, technical assistance, technology transfer to improve data collection and monitoring systems, development of pilot programmes and incentive schemes to reduce deforestation and programmes to address the drivers of deforestation.

Recognizing that sustainable reduction in emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries requires stable and predictable availability of resources, the Prime Minister of Norway, Mr. Jens Stoltenberg during the conference in Bali announced the intention of Norway to engage actively in supporting developing countries in their endeavors to combat deforestation and face the challenges of climate change, and pledged a substantial amount of funds to that effect.

The Governments of Tanzania and Norway therefore agree to establish a partnership with the purpose of implementing programmes for adaptation to and mitigation of climate change. The funding for this partnership will be based on contributions from Norway, in addition to the use of private and public resources in Tanzania, as agreed for each component of the programme. Furthermore, some of the activities may contribute to enabling the Tanzania government and private parties in Tanzania to participate in both formal and informal global carbon markets that may bring additional resources to the programmes.

The two governments will emphasize the need for the various activities to contribute to adaptation to and mitigation of climate change and to reduce poverty and promote sustainable development

in Tanzania. Conservation of biological diversity will be a priority in all these programme activities. Activities for increased tree planting based on sound knowledge of land tenure, water use and local ecology will be promoted alongside restoration of degraded forest and activities to reduce deforestation. Activities to promote sustainable land use including promotion of sustainable techniques for forest utilization and charcoal production, promotion of agroforestry and other technologies that enhance carbon sequestration may be included in some of the partnership components.

The activities and programmes to be included in the cooperation will be subsequently approved and agreed upon according to the formal procedures of the respective Governments. The various components will be developed with a view to harmonizing inputs of various development partners to Tanzania, and may include programmes with joint financing or basket funding regimes. The implementation of the activities under the new climate partnership will be undertaken by different implementing agencies. Support to Vice President's Office will be undertaken through an agreed mechanism to be established between the government of Tanzania and Norway. The following activities may be included as core components of the partnership:

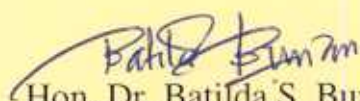
1. Establishment of pilot activities for the promotion of a national REDD process with the aim of developing incentive schemes that provide equitable benefit sharing mechanisms particularly at local levels, capacity building, provision of technical assistance, facilitate transfer of technology to improve, *inter alia*, data collection, estimation of emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, baseline studies, monitoring and verification systems.

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2. A policy review process to reveal possible needs for development or improvement of policies to ensure an overall policy environment conducive to the climate change agenda.
3. A comprehensive research and methodology development programme for climate change adaptation and mitigation. The programme will involve universities and research institutions in Tanzania and Norway, as well as other relevant global or regional scientific institutions.
4. Development and undertaking of training and education programmes of relevance for the climate change challenges at all levels.
5. Promote investments from and partnerships with the private sector, NGOs and research institutions and facilitate the access to formal and informal carbon markets by Tanzanian entities.

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