

**CLOSING REMARKS BY HON. ANTHONY MAVUNDE (MP), DEPUTY  
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE – UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA  
ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> G-25 AFRICA COFFEE SUMMIT ON 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023 IN  
KAMPALA, UGANDA**

**Hon. Frank Tumwebaze, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries;**

**H.E Ambassador Solomon Rutega, Secretary General of InterAfrican Coffee Organization (IACO);**

**Dr. Emmanuel Niyibigira, Managing Director of Uganda Coffee Development Authority (UCDA);**

**Mr. Primus Kimaryo, Director General of Tanzania Coffee Board;**

**Distinguished Delegates;**

**Ladies and Gentlemen.....**

On behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, I would like to present my sincere gratitude to the hosting country for their warm welcome and continuing to ensure our pleasant stay here in Kampala. Also, I thank the Panelists for their short, analytical and plausible presentations that arguably anchored on the real challenges facing our coffee industry in Africa and the way to go forward.

With the same delight, The United Republic of Tanzania, commends on the Government of the Republic of Uganda, IACO leadership, UCDA and all Institutions and Individuals who are diligently involved in the organization and making the 2<sup>nd</sup> G-25 Africa Coffee Summit 2023 possible and fruitful as we have all witnessed and enjoyed.

***Ladies and gentlemen,***

The 2<sup>nd</sup> G-25 Africa Coffee Summit 2023 theme itself as it is dubbed “**Transforming the African Coffee Sector through Value Addition**” clearly depicts that if we continue to only export raw materials we will never occupy our rightful space in the world’s market share of coffee earnings that ultimately will improve living standards of our farmers. With this togetherness under the IACO umbrella, we should continue to fight and ensure that the ***Parasitic System*** (as referred by His Excellency Yoweri Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda) of taking our raw materials cheaply and in-turn giving us relatively expensive processed coffee will come to an end for the benefits of our African economies in general and coffee farmers in particular.

***Ladies and gentlemen,***

As you are all aware that the United Republic of Tanzania is one of the founding members of Inter- African Coffee Organization (IACO) since 1961 and has continued to be active until today. Therefore, the government of URT is pleased to be given this important opportunity of hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> G-25 Africa Coffee Summit in 2024 as announced by the Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania, His Excellency Dr. Phillip Isdory Mpango on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 during the opening session of this summit.

***Ladies and gentlemen,***

The government of URT is ready to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> G-25 meeting and I can assure you all that, we will give all the necessary cooperation to the member states and the IACO Secretariat during the course of preparations of the coming important summit.

***Ladies and gentlemen,***

As you all might be aware, Tanzania is also hosting the Africa's Food Systems Forum (AGRF) scheduled for 5 - 8 September, 2023 with the theme, **“Recover, Regenerate, Act: Africa's Solutions to Food Systems Transformation,”** which focuses on building back better food systems and food sovereignty with youth and women at the center. Once again, on behalf of the government of the United Republic of Tanzania, I would like to extend special invitations for you all to participate and share your experiences. Tanzania is committed to AGRF 2023 success and well poised to showcase her trade and investment potentials.

***Ladies and gentlemen,***

Not to mention the fact that Tanzania's vast size exceeds the sizes of Uganda, Kenya, Burundi and Rwanda combined, Tanzania is a peaceful place to visit endowed with beautiful beaches, national parks, historical sites and is the home to Kilimanjaro Mountain just to mention a few of the attractions which have left no complaints from those visited, and of course you are assured that once you visit definitely you will surely return.

***Ladies and gentlemen, Thank you; Merci; Asanteni Sana kwa  
Kunisikiliza***