



## 26<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE FAO COMMITTEE OF FORESTRY AND THE 6<sup>TH</sup> WORLD FORESTRY WEEK

### KENYA POSITION

#### **Agenda Item No. 8.8.5: UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021- Mr. Chairman,**

Kenya aligns itself with African Regional Group position as presented by Ethiopia. In line with United Nations General Assembly proclamation on the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030, Kenya is committed to scaling-up her efforts to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems and raise awareness of the importance of successful ecosystem restoration.

Towards this end, Kenya has instituted various interventions towards the restoration of its degraded landscape. Key among these interventions includes;

Development of National Strategy for Restoration of Landscapes; Agroforestry Strategy and Rangeland Restoration Strategy.

We wish to appreciate the support by FAO extended to Kenya to implement these strategies implementation of these strategies under the project 'Restoration of Arid and Semi-arid of Kenya through Bio-enterprise and other incentives under the restoration initiative'.

Through this project Kenya is in the process of finalizing the Forest Landscape Restoration Implementation Action Plan that seek to support participatory and concerted efforts to restore our valued landscapes for multiple benefits. In addition with support from CIFOR/ICRAF and other partners Kenya has also developed a Monitoring Systems to track and report the restoration gains made through various restoration actions.

It is important to note that these restoration efforts are implemented as a shared responsibility under the principle of leaving no one behind, where the government, communities, small-holder farmers and the private sector contribute based on

respective capacities in a synergistic and complementary approach. The outcome of these effort will enable Kenya meet its national Tree cover and forest cover targets and fulfil its international obligations.

Kenya recommend FAO to continue supporting the scaling - up of forest ecosystems' restoration best practices as well as mobilizing finance, including climate finance, necessary to support investments.

**Thank you Chair**