

Chairperson, Honourable Delegates

The United Republic of Tanzania aligns itself with the statement made by South Africa on behalf of the African Regional Group. Tanzania also appreciates the work done by FAO secretariat on this agenda and its leadership.

Chairperson

The country achievement on bioeconomy resulted from government efforts in conservation and +market improvement coupled with extension services rendered to farmers and private sector inclusivity in the honey and bee products value chain through;

- i. Integrating sustainable forest management, agroforestry, non-timber forest products such as allocating plantation areas for short-term crop cultivation, engaging communities through Taungya system.
- ii. By integrating beekeeping into farming systems, communities can enhance biodiversity conservation, improve agricultural productivity, livelihood, promote sustainable landuse and sustainable Forest Management best practices.
- iii. Keep imposing the upscaling of the bamboo development, forest restoration, and value addition chain into national food and agricultural systems.

Chairperson

Commercial beekeeping is done through gazettelement of bee reserves, support of beecages and beehouses to communities under extension service approach in Tanzania. This effort has resulted into increase of honey production that contributed to the support of the county's economy. The sources of honeybee and other bee products are from both stinging and stingless wild species.

Chairperson

These approaches have diversifying rural livelihoods, improve food and nutrition security, enhance ecosystem services, create green employment, and strengthen climate resilience while reducing pressure on natural forests.

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We request FAO and member state the support with emphasis on;

- i. Upscaling available locally appropriate technologies.
- ii. Enhancing community participation on sustainable value chains.
- iii. Financing both government and private sectors to support bioeconomy activities for strengthening the biodiversity conservation.

The United Republic of Tanzania confirm the commitment to work with FAO and member countries.

Thank you, chair,