

Closing Remarks

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Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen;**

Mr. Chairperson,

Let me first take this opportunity to thank organizers for inviting me to officiate the closing ceremony of this 1st Scientific Workshop under the Programme for Climate Change Impacts Adaptation and Mitigation (CCIAM). I have no doubts that during the 2 days you have had adequate opportunity to interact and exchange views on various papers presented of which, I am told led to worthwhile deliberations and recommendations.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am informed that you have shared important experience vital to yourselves and to the nation as we prepare for full implementation of the REDD+ Scheme in Tanzania and beyond. We all know that CCIAM programme deals with one of the most challenging environmental problems of our time, that is 'climate change'. The negative impacts of this problem affect ecosystems and many life forms, and more apparently the local people who cannot have opportunities to come to this kind of forums. It is therefore our responsibility to devoted time and resources to assist the wider community to minimize these impacts.

Ladies and gentlemen,

This being the 1st workshop under this Programme, I am pleased to learn that there will be more of these workshops in the future where more information will be shared for a successful REDD+. It is my hope that more stakeholders will find these workshops important as we will have a lot more to share as we keep pursuing our activities outside there. I urge every researcher to make use of these workshop/conferences to share their findings but also learn from others for a better world.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Since the CCIAM programme is designed to look beyond REDD, training and research initiatives should necessarily take a long-term perspective of development challenges including but not restricted to climate change. I am aware that the programme is also building capacity of the country in-terms of man power training and equipment acquisition. These efforts are aimed at ensuring sustainability of our efforts in addressing the impacts of climate change. It is my hope therefore, that the coming workshops will have a lot more to share from our students who are doing research in many places of the country and elsewhere.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I understand that your roles as researchers do not end at sharing information at workshops or conference, or rather publishing in journals, but ensuring a wider distribution of your findings to the relevant stakeholders. These include the local people (farming communities, pastoralists and business people to mention a few). Therefore, it is equally important that you

package and deliver the information in a form that is easily understood to these groups whom, as I said earlier cannot make themselves to this kind forums.

Mr. chairperson and workshop participants,

Let me finish by thanking the Norwegian government for the bold decision made to finance REDD processes including the support directed to the Universities for research and capacity building. On behalf of the collaborating Institutions and the people of Tanzania as a whole, I thank the people of Norway for their generous support to the people of Tanzania.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, having said these few remarks it is now my pleasure and privilege to announce that this 1st Scientific Workshop under the CCIAM Programme is officially closed.

I thank you all for your attention.

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