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**DURING THE MADE IN TANZANIA WEEK IN KENYA,  
BUSINESS FORUM**

**AT THE KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
CENTRE (KICC), NAIROBI**

**ON 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018 IN**

**Tanzania High Commissioner to Kenya- H.E. Dr. Pindi Chana,**

**Honorable Cabinet Secretary, Trade & Industry, Mr. Adan Mohammed,**

**Honorable Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Trade and Industry of Zanzibar,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Good Morning.**

- It is my pleasure to join you this morning at the start of the **“Made in Tanzania Exhibition”** whose theme is **“promoting Tanzania products and services in Kenya”**.
- We are here today for an Exhibition. My remarks therefore will be brief because today is a day meant for seeing what our sister state has to offer rather than for listening to long speeches.
- Let me, however, begin by congratulating the High Commissioner for putting together this exhibition.
- It is a milestone and a statement to the people of our two countries that our Governments, as directed by our respective Presidents are continuously working on improving our relations by among others creating tangible opportunities that our business community can take advantage of.
- As you would appreciate, the realization of Kenya’s BIG 4 will be driven not only by producing sufficient agricultural products for our in-country consumption, but also our ability to feed the manufacturing sector in order to be competitive players in the region and beyond.

- I am therefore here today to join my sister, the High Commissioner Dr. Chana, who is hosting this grand exhibition as part of strengthening her country's Economic Diplomacy.
- Only a couple of weeks ago I hosted her at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation where among other things we committed to promote and strengthen market linkages for our people to trade.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- According to the most recent Economic Survey, the agriculture sector in Kenya directly contributes about **31.3%** of the GDP and **27%** through linkages with manufacturing & service related sectors.
- It therefore means that Kenya's commodities of trade are mostly agriculture related.
- Tanzania is one of our trading partners, more so in livestock especially cattle and small stock. In fact, Tanzania was ranked the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest market for Kenyan products in 2014.
- According to reports, Kenya is the second largest investor in Tanzania with over 270 companies.
- As partner states in the EAC, Kenya and Tanzania are both desirous of deeper business relations and cross border trade in goods and services.
- The MOA&I sees the transformation and growth of the Agricultural sector as a critical driver for the transformation and growth of the BIG 4, i.e. 100% food and nutrition security, manufacturing for jobs creation, universal health care, and affordable housing, as well as to spur growth in other sectors of the economy.

- It will feed industry with raw materials. The focus of my Ministry on value addition and value-chain development for all agricultural produce in Kenya is intended to not only aid in food and nutrition security, but also aid in fueling the industrial revolution of Kenya.
- This is crucial for industrialization, while at the same time will reduce the costs and consequences associated with poor health resulting from poor nutrition.
- Growth in the agricultural sector will also result in several major developments that cut across the BIG 4 Agenda, for instance:
  - (i) The transformation of the agriculture sector while aimed at securing food and good nutrition for Kenyans will also result in a healthier, stronger work force.
  - (ii) Increased incomes will mean a healthier and more prosperous population, thereby fueling demand for and ability to acquire decent accommodation and home ownership.
  - (iii) Creation of jobs and growth in per capital income, thereby resulting in growth in the socio-economic fabric of Kenya.
- My Ministry intends to achieve the transformation and growth of the agricultural sector by focusing on growing incomes of farmers and agricultural SMEs through commercialization and access to better technologies.
- We expect to increase resilience through climate smart production, risk diversification, and we have embarked on an ambitious programme to

move agriculture from being merely rain-fed to encompass water agriculture.

- In this regard the Ministry, has been directed and has began:
  - Constructing 5000 household-based water pans,
  - de-silting all small scale irrigation dams of 100,000 – 500,000 cubic metres,
  - undertaking a national agriculture mechanization programme and
  - Starting from next week rolling out a farmers registration exercise starting with 12 counties and completing the rest before February next year.

### **Closing Remarks**

- I therefore urge Kenyans who visit the Exhibition to take advantage and interact with the Tanzanian Agricultural Entrepreneurs and business community to enhance our farming and business opportunities.
- **It is now my pleasure to declare the 'Made in Tanzania week in Kenya' officially open.**

**THANK YOU**