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### 2017 Global Platform Official Statement

Excellences, Distinguished guests, and ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to thank you for your active engagement on the Sendai Framework to improve resilience on DRR at global, regional and local level.

The context of DDR has been the main stream of international society in the discussion of development based on the framework that was adopted in March, 2015.

However, developing regions in the world, particularly in Africa, made little progress in implementing the Sendai framework. Despite the fact that Africa is one of the region's most vulnerable and least resilient to disasters, the region failed to show significant progress. Africa is still hunted by high poverty rates, lack of actions towards climate change, rapid urbanization, and the negligence of structural transformation.

Africa is facing challenges in implementing the Sendai Framework, Sendai goals and its regional and political commitment to DRR. Therefore Africa should develop a single framework that integrates DRR, sustainable development, climate change measurements and conflict prevention. In addition, the need for an explicit recognition under which disaster situation is created is important, and thus the situation requires solutions and investment for enhancing the function of DRR.

The concept of "Resilience" on DRR is strongly linked with environmental security to address human-induced environment degradation. The main purpose of building "resilience" is to give full security and shield to entire individual's life and nature which can be both nurturing and destructive; encourage awareness, understanding and strong discipline that reduces inappropriate ecological process caused by human ignorance and negligence; maintain biological preservation; restoration to the damaged environment, and to make and implement international, national, regional and local protection policies in order to minimize or where possible, to prevent heavy habitat destruction, anthropogenic and biospheres threats for the sake of future generations.

Environment policies for resilience and DRR in Kenya and East Africa are in a critical phase. Many areas in Kenya are facing serious water shortage since last December due to the climate change. Many local and vulnerable people in Kenya are forced to visit the far away water station for domestic use, necessary for the daily survival. Report shows that only 49% of households have access to qualitative water supply derived from secured water supply infrastructure, wells and water reservoirs.

The draft report on climate risk assessment and the response strategy of Kenya's agriculture lack sufficient adaptation guidelines for implementing the Sendai Framework focusing on the vulnerability of water resources which has a direct link with the improvement of resiliency structures at national, regional and local level.

We are concerned that the current situation in Africa, as the case of Kenya shows, on the implementation of the

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framework, the beautiful solid model for resilience including gender mainstreaming fails to give appropriate aid and public awareness for overall protection and environment security. By active cooperation with strong connection, encouraging participation for the welfare of both humans and nature. Promoting DRR policies for restoration and offer solutions to various environment crises that produce several natural dangers and highly damages life, threatening the sustainable livelihoods of ordinary citizens. This happens because of unawareness and negligence of policy makers.

Of course, the achievement of resilience on DRR in the context of this framework requires activities by all parties including local governments, research institutes, private enterprises and citizen groups, as well as the national government. However, the environment security has been threatened by the ignorance of authorities and stakeholders. Unfortunately the Sendai Framework could also not improve the situation. Regarding the full value of the natural ecosystem service to us all and particularly the poorest, we have to put more efforts to reach environmental goals.

“One way or another, for better or for worse, things are going to change. It is up to us to decide what sort of change we want to see.”

Our generation has the key to accelerate the realization of resilient society on DRR whereby human being continue enjoying environmental benefits from now into the future.

We shall wish the maximum effort and the sincere commitment of policy makers, especially in Africa, for the adaptation of this framework to obtain environmental justice and to protect livelihoods of vulnerable people in the community.

I thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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