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The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister
The Honorable Ministers,
Excellencies, Ambassadors and Heads of Diplomatic Missions
The Representatives from Ministries, Departments and Agencies
Academia;
Private sector;
Civil society;
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning

I am honoured and privileged to be part of this remarkable event aimed to invigorate political momentum and commitment for supporting climate action and delivering the Uganda NDC Partnership Plan.

Allow me first inform you of Environmental Management for Livelihood Improvement Bwaise Facility (EMLI). We are a national membership environmental non-governmental and non-profit making organization registered with the NGO Bureau under the NGO Act, 2016. We work serve to improve the standards of living of the **most vulnerable people** in Uganda by ensuring sustainable livelihood.

Through, our Climate Change Programme, one of the 5 core programmes at EMLI, we recognize that climate change is and has continued to be the greatest challenge affecting humanity, ecosystem, sustainability and livelihoods, not only in Uganda but the World all over. We therefore work with partners to reduce vulnerability and build resilience to impacts of climate change; reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance access to climate finance.

On enhancing access to climate finance, EMLI is an accredited observer organisation, admitted to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate change (UNFCCC); Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the first local NGO to have observer status with the Green Climate Fund (GCF). This has enabled EMLI to lobby developed countries honor commitments to provide new and additional financial resources to meet the full incremental cost of adaptation, with emphasis on public and grant-based financial resources for adaptation.

In so ensuring coordinated climate action, EMLI annually communicates to the Ministry of Water and Environment through an open and transparent process of its indicative budget for national climate action per year.

In 2018, I am pleased to communicate to this high level event that EMLI with support from World Wide Fund for Nature-Uganda Country Office (WWF) intends to respond to **output 4.1 of** the Uganda NDC Partnership Plan i.e. Communication, knowledge management and Outreach strategies on Climate, NDC Actions, Adaptation, Green Growth and SDGs commitments, so as to strengthen capacity of government officials, civil society, private sector and academia to effectively integrate NDC-SDGS commitment with a gender lens into existing and future programs.

Through the Africa Adaptation initiative project supported by the WWF-UCO, EMLI will support the development of training manual on climate change adaptation and facilitate the development of a discussion paper on domestic adaptation. Additionally, EMLI will support 2 training workshops for actors on understanding climate change adaptation.

Through our usual engagements with Parliament, EMLI intends to support a strategic engagement for legislators and policy makers on linking NDC, NAPs and Climate Change Bill.

Implementing the NDC is a one safe ticket to improving the lives of the most vulnerable in Uganda. The NDC Partnership Plan is one such pathway to implement the NDC. Government, Partners and non state actors should jointly work together to ensure the NDC Partnership Plan does not gather dust!

Thank you so much for listening.