



Republic of Rwanda

STATEMENT by Dr Mujawamariya Jeanne D’Arc, Minister of Environment at High-Level Meeting of the Climate Vulnerable Forum: “Forging a CVF-COP26 Climate Emergency Pact”

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- **Excellencies**
- **Distinguished ladies and gentlemen**

Allow me to first express my appreciation and gratitude to Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh for hosting this First global High-Level Meeting of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) since 2016 in sidelines of COP26 to discuss the global priorities of the most vulnerable nations to climate change .

This global High-Level Meeting is very important way that it gives Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) members , the time to exchange and join their efforts to climate action and the and advocate for the COP26 to provide adequate decision to address adaptation needs for the 48 members of the CVF.

The scientific consensus is that human caused climate change increases the frequency and severity affecting every region of the Earth in different ways and was it was indicated by the first part of the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recently published there is no going back from some change in the climate system and the change we are experiencing will increase with further warming.

It is unfortunate that the efforts being made by Parties to achieve the goal of Paris Agreement through their Nationally Determined Contributions are not enough.

This is bad news for CVF Members who will see their vulnerability also increasing, unless there are immediate, rapid, and large-scale actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

We share the atmosphere, and the future is in our hands. Let's work together. Rwanda is committed to join the efforts with global community to combat climate change and achieve aspirations of Paris Agreement.

Through the revised Nationally Determined Contributions submitted to the secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change , Rwanda pledged to feature 38% of emission a reduction by 2030 with total investment of 11 billion USD including 5.3 billion USD for adaptation.

For most vulnerable nations, the importance of adaptation in response to climate change is undeniable and due consideration to building resilience is required to make sure that we are moving in right way with no one behind.

I invite all Countries especially countries with high emissions to take significant steps to deliver the transformative action to ensure that together we heading to the right direction.

To conclude my remarks, I would like to reiterate the full support of my Rwanda to all CVF activities and endorsement of Dhaka-Glasgow Declaration of the Climate Vulnerable Forum.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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