

UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



COUNTRY STATEMENT TO THE 65th REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY 20th – 24th SEPTEMBER 2021, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Mr. President;

Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA);

Excellences;

Distinguished Delegates;

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Afternoon

1. It gives me a lot of pleasure to stand in front of you esteemed delegates and to speak on behalf of the United Republic of Tanzania. I would wish to start by joining hands with previous speakers to warmly congratulate you Mr. President on your election to lead this 65th regular session of the International Atomic Energy Agency General Conference. We strongly believe in your capacity and that of your Bureau, and with no doubt we are sure that the meeting will meet the expectation of all the delegates. The United Republic of Tanzania assures you of our full support and cooperation during the meeting and beyond. Allow us also to pay great tribute to the excellent work of the former President, who has successfully completed his term.
2. **Mr. President**, The United Republic of Tanzania, attaches great importance to the work of the Agency and appreciates its role in supporting Member

States in the peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology. The IAEA has continued to be an indispensable organization to ensure peaceful usage of nuclear energy across the globe. This has contributed immensely in making sure that the world continues to be a peaceful habitat for mankind. In this regards, we congratulate the IAEA Director General and the entire secretariat for the Excellency work that they are doing.

3. The role of nuclear technology in enhancing human capacities to meet development priorities and for sustainable development strategies cannot be overemphasized. In this regard, we as a country we desire to have a strong partnership with the Agency so as to achieve our needs and priorities in sustainable development initiatives.
4. **Mr. President**, my delegation welcomes, with appreciation, the statement made by the UN Secretary General, Mr. António Manuel de Oliveira Guterres. We are pleased to note that Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) have continued to play a vital role in helping countries to achieve the agreed Sustainable Development Goals. Notable also is that, this year's scientific forum theme will highlight the goals related to health, and will focus on the use of nuclear and nuclear derived techniques as a reliable tool that can play an important role in investigating, detecting, preventing and containing outbreaks of zoonotic diseases.
5. **Mr. President**, the United Republic of Tanzania puts a lot of emphasize to capacity building in the field of nuclear science and technology, and looks

forward to strong collaboration with the Agency in developing young people's skills and knowledge in that area of study.

6. We are glad to inform that, our country is planning to establish a Radiation Protection Training Center, which will provide Diploma Courses in the fields of Radiation Protection and Safety and Electronics and Nuclear Instrumentation. In this regard, we welcome the Agency's further support in Staff Development, Laboratory Equipment as well as provision of expert advices as might be required time over time.
7. **Mr. President**, The United Republic of Tanzania is supportive of the African Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training related to Nuclear Science and Technology programme (AFRA). We believe that through this programme, the efforts to strengthen nuclear technology applications will be enhanced. Our country is grateful to member states that are providing extra-budgetary support to ensure the successful implementation of IAEA's Peace programmes and Initiatives, and we urge other international partners to join hands.
8. **Mr. President**, I wish to conclude my statement by reaffirming my Government's commitment in meeting its obligations and maximizing its support to the Agency for achieving its mandated objectives.
9. **I thank you Mr. President and all Distinguished Delegates for your kind attention.**