

TALKING NOTES FOR HON. MASHIMBA M. NDAKI MINISTER OF LIVESTOCK & FISHERIES ON NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON “APPLICATIONS OF JUNCAO TECHNOLOGY AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN TANZANIA”

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Distinguished Workshop Participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear Participants, It is indeed a great pleasure and honour for me to be with you today to officiate this workshop which will be conducted for four days. I sincerely congratulate the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) in collaboration with the National Engineering Research Centre for JUNCAO Technology of the Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University (FAFU) of China for organizing this workshop. For those who travelled from outside the country and even outside Dar es Salaam City, it is my hope that you enjoyed your trips coming here and I do expect that you will be active participants in this workshop.

Dear Participants, I have no doubt with expected valuable contributions on this capacity building workshop on “Applications of JUNCAO Technology and its contribution to the achievement of Sustainable Agriculture and the Sustainable Development Goals in Tanzania”. The workshop has brought together national policy makers, academicians, researchers, farmers, livestock keepers and experts from FAFU and the UN delegates, a mixture that is expected to give out a fruitful outcome at the end of this workshop.

Dear Participants, I understand that this important workshop is going to promote

learning, strengthen knowledge and develop the skills of country's participants in relation to the adoption and implementation of the JUNCAO technology. I am also sure that the results of this workshop will contribute to the increase of pasture availability and mushroom consumption in most areas of the country. Pasture availability will enable increase of livestock productivity which will contribute to the reduction of poverty and raise the national income. Moreover, the technology will increase Mushroom production and consumption which will contribute to the food security in the country thus achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the country.

Dear Participants, Tanzania is the second country in livestock population in terms of cattle numbers in Africa. There are about 33.9 million cattle, 24.5 million goats, 8.5 million sheep, and 0.6 million donkeys. In addition to livestock population, Tanzania also has potential grazing lands, although its productivity is decreasing with time due to effects of climate changes, overgrazing and expansion of economic activities.

Dear Participants, recurring of droughts due to climate change cause deaths of livestock and conflicts among livestock farmers and other land users when livestock farmers migrate to search for pasture and water for livestock. We as a country, are expecting to learn and get experiences through this workshop which will help us reduce some of the challenges on pasture availability throughout the year. This will improve both social and economic benefits of our people especially livestock farmers, women and youth who will be employed in pasture

establishment and other areas in the livestock production value chains. Moreover the benefits of the workshop will improve economic benefits of women and youth who will be engaged in mushroom production.

Dear Participants, The Government of Tanzania is recommending the adoption of JUNCAO technology as one of the technologies that will promote sustainable agriculture and it will implement the valuable outcomes, opinions and recommendations of the workshop for its growth. The Government will also provide policy guidance and conducive environment for attracting more investors on pasture and mushroom production.

Dear Participants, The Government of Tanzania has launched the application of funds from the Chinese Government for the purpose of implementing the JUNCAO technology for livestock fodder and mushroom production. In that regards, we are requesting release of the commitment letter for the applied support from the Chinese Government so that all other processes would start. Including transfer and implementation of the entire package of JUNCAO technology.

Dear Participants, Once again I thank you for inviting me to officiate this special workshop. I would like to thank UNDESA and FAFU for organizing and facilitating this very essential workshop for the benefit of our country. I would like also to thank those institutions and individuals who in one way or another have given assistance in the realization of this workshop. Finally, I would like to wish you all

a happy stay in Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) and safe journeys back home for those coming from outside the country. After the workshop I would like to invite you to visit all areas of your interest in the country. I will always be happy to see you working together on the objective of this workshop for the betterment of the country.

Dear participants having said so, I now declare that this workshop is officially opened.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION