



STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE PRINCIPAL  
SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR  
FORESTRY GITONGA MUGAMBI, CBS ON THE  
LAUNCH OF THE KENYA NATIONAL CARBON  
REGISTRY (KNCR) AT MERCURE HOTEL UPPER  
HILL NAIROBI ON 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

*Our Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Deborah Barasa, EGH,  
PS, Dr. Eng. Festus K. Ng'eno, CBS,  
Ms. Maren Kneller, Head of Cooperation, Embassy of  
Germany Nairobi,*

*Mr. Dorian Kivumbi, Team Leader Green Growth and  
Livelihood, European Delegation to Kenya,*

*GIZ Representatives,*

*Mr. Emilio Mugo, Chair, NEMA Board of Management,*

*CEO's Present*

*Development Partners,*

*Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen*

*Good morning*

*I congratulate the Ministry in particular the State Department for Environment and Climate Change and all its partners for successfully developing and operationalizing the Kenya National Carbon Registry.*

This launch marks a critical transition from development to full national operationalization. It affirms Government custodianship and Kenya's readiness to participate in international carbon markets with integrity, transparency, and institutional coherence.

In July 2025, we launched the Kenya REDD+ Registry and Nesting Guidelines, establishing a robust system for tracking forest-based emission reductions and integrating site-level projects into the national carbon accounting framework. This was the first sector based registry to be launched in Kenya and the second of its kind in Africa.

Today's launch builds directly on that foundation and let me confirm that the Kenya's REDD+ Registry is interoperable with the Kenya National Carbon Registry.

This interoperability ensures that emission reductions generated within the forestry sector are seamlessly

integrated into the broader national carbon architecture. It prevents double counting, strengthens alignment with Kenya's Nationally Determined Contribution, and enhances transparency for both Article 6 and voluntary carbon market transactions.

The REDD+ Registry safeguards environmental integrity in the forestry sector. The National Carbon Registry

provides a platform for authorization, tracking, and national reporting. Together, they form a coherent and integrated national carbon market infrastructure.

For communities, private developers, and county governments, this integration enhances credibility and confidence in carbon finance, particularly as we advance

the Presidential Programme of Growing 15 billion Trees by 2032 and scale up landscape restoration.

Kenya is demonstrating leadership in Africa by aligning sectoral systems with a unified national registry under a clear legal and regulatory framework.

The system is now live. Our responsibility is to operate it

with discipline, uphold environmental integrity, and ensure carbon markets deliver tangible benefits to our people.

Thank you very much

God bless you.

God bless Kenya.