

**VOTE OF THANKS BY MR. CLEMENT KAPYA, EAMCEF TRUSTEE AT THE
INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN ARC MOUNTAINS
CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT FUND (EAMCEF) IN MOROGORO ON
FRIDAY 31ST MARCH, 2006.**

Hon. Anthony M. Diallo (MP), Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism,
Hon. Major General (Rtd) Said Kalembo – Regional Commissioner,
Morogoro,
Hon. Regional Commissioners,
Hon. Members of Parliament,
Your Excellencies, Ambassadors and Members of the Diplomatic Corps,
Regional Administrative Secretaries,
Madam Judy O’Connor - World Bank Country Director,
Hon. Prof. Romanus Ishengoma – Mayor of Morogoro Municipality
Dr. Aloyse Tango – Acting Director of Forestry and Beekeeping,
Prof. Said Iddi - Chairman of the EAMCEF Board of Trustees,
EAMCEF Trustees and Staff,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Honourable Guest of Honour,

On behalf of the EAMCEF I wish to thank you sincerely for accepting to officiate the inauguration of the Fund and for the wonderful job we have all of us witnessed you performing. Your speech was full of encouragement and indeed it was quite inspirational.

Honourable Guest of Honour,

I wish also to use this opportunity to thank the World Bank and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for their immense support which has made our efforts to create the Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund (EAMCEF) a reality. We look forward to their continued support in furthering the work of EAMCEF.

Honourable Guest of Honour,

May I also take this opportunity to thank all the invited guests for their participation in this important occasion. Despite our short notice, you managed to accommodate this event in your tight work schedules so that you could be with us here today. I say thank you very much. We have been very encouraged by your response.

Honourable Guest of Honour,

I wish also to thank the organizing committee for their investment in time and effort that they put into preparations for this occasion. They have done a wonderful job.

Honourable Guest of Honour,

As has already been pointed out, additional funding is required to make EAMCEF a reliable, effective, sustainable and adequate funding mechanism for the conservation of the Eastern Arc Mountain forests. I therefore wish to assure you that mobilising resources for this cause will henceforth occupy a central position in our endeavours. We look forward to meeting many of you participating in this event today in our fund raising functions that will be organised in future. I believe that you will continue supporting us.

Lastly, on behalf of EAMCEF, I wish you all a safe return to your respective work stations.

Honourable Guest of Honour,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Thank You Very Much