



**REMARKS BY HON. DR. NAOMI SHABAN EGH, MP, MINISTER OF STATE FOR SPECIAL PROGRAMMES DURING THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF DELEGATES ATTENDING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AFRICAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION HELD AT PANARI HOTEL, NAIROBI ON 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010.**

- **Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners**
- **Fellow Ministers Present**
- **Distinguished Delegates**
- **Invited Guests**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

We have come to the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> African Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction which was held here in Nairobi from 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

Many delegates will recall that the first session of the African Regional Platform took place in Nairobi three years ago. The second session also took place here in Nairobi last year. We were therefore more than happy to host this 2<sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Conference which has today reached milestone decisions.

The hard part, which is the implementation of the Nairobi Declaration of Disaster Risk Reduction now begins. It is the hope of all the delegates that

the remaining part of the work which will meet ready financial and stakeholders support in your respective countries.

The Ministerial meeting which has just come to an end this afternoon has come up with strategies to enhance the following.

- Disaster Risk Reduction and linkages with climate, safe cities, schools and hospitals.
- Coordination mechanisms and funding for Disaster Risk Reduction in Africa.
- Mid-term review of the HYOGO Framework for Action.
- Strengthening National Platform in Africa and training in on – line reporting tools.
- Report on the outcomes and recommendations from the technical support.

We will all be happy to receive reports that Africa is making giant steps towards the fulfillment of the objectives of this weeks' meetings.

I on behalf of the Government Of Kenya wish to thank all the delegations for coming to Kenya and making this conference the success it has been.

I particularly want to thank the delegations, the organizers of the conference who worked tirelessly to ensure that this conference goes on without a hitch.

Last but not least I wish to thank our partners in the programme, the African Union, the UNISDR, the World Bank and others who contributed immensely towards this epoch – making conference.

I wish you all the best in your journey home and hope that we will meet again in the future meetings to celebrate the success of our continent's work in Disaster Risk Reduction.

I do not wish to take much of your time this evening as this session was purely for networking purposes.

I thank you all once again.