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the dry lands of the North Rift

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I would like to express my appreciation, first of all, for the Caux Dialogues on Land and Security....

For the vision of the international organizers to link these two themes of LAND and SECURITY and to bring all kinds of actors and experts involved in these fields together to generate holistic solutions.

Moreover, I want to appreciate the Caux Dialogue for the special atmosphere of international fraternity and trust-building – and the international platform it gave to share our own experiences and challenges from this part of the world.

In particular, I would like to thank Mr Joseph Karanja from Initiatives of Change, Kenya, for introducing our delegation from Baringo to Caux.

My own vision then was that we need to bring this vision and this understanding down to our region and translate into practical action. And that was boosted when my fellow DG Dr Gabriel Lagat attended the same Dialogue.

You heard how Dr. Rundell expressed it yesterday.

We cannot sustain the health of our land when our communities are fighting. Or do not trust each other. Nor can we build sustainable peace between our communities when the land has been degraded and died under our feet.

So land health and peacebuilding need to go together for the sustainable governance of land in our region.

I am very happy to now see the range of stakeholders together in one room – County Governments, international experts, national experts, partners, faith leaders and civil society activists, faith leaders.

When all stakeholders are involved and have ownership of solutions, then you can be confident that those solutions will work.

This is a 'working workshop'. Innovative solutions can come to difficult problems when there is a passion to solve them.

What we want to come out of this Dialogue is a road map for sustainable peace and to sustainable land management in Baringo County and in the NOREB region. That is what we need to generate now through the discussions, the answers to the key questions and the the workshops tomorrow.

The County Government of Baringo pledges support from our side to implement the road map and we look forward to working with all esteemed partners here and I am going to put energy into that over time so we get the impact we all want to see for the benefit of our communities.

I know we have world class contributions in our midst. We have the World Agroforestry Centre, headquartered in Nairobi, we have the former Secretary General of the World Council of Churches, Dr. Sam Kobia, who is a Kenyan, we have the International programme from Caux as part of us now.

So I am very optimistic. Thank you