

DECLARATION OF THE FOURTH NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM FOR ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION HELD IN SPORTSMAN ARMS HOTEL, NANYUKI, LIKIPIA COUNTY, KENYA

We, members of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction comprising of government, UN agencies, academia, INGOs, CSOs, NGOs, development partners and private sector, having attended the Fourth National Symposium for Disaster Risk Reduction jointly organized by the National and County Governments of Laikipia with support from UN agencies and development partners held on 11th to 12th October 2016, Nanyuki, Kenya, culminating to the International Day for Disaster Reduction (13th October, 2016) National Celebrations, clearly understanding our mandate as a national platform in coordination, prioritization, advocacy and advisory role in the realm of Disaster Risk Reduction and resilience building activities in Kenya, we;

Observing the upward trend of disaster mortality in Kenya driven by severe weather and extreme climate events, rising cases of radicalization and violent extremism, and terrorism, conflict, road accidents and urban fire incidences,

Deeply concerned by the lack of a well-coordinated legal and institutional framework for disaster risk reduction and management,

Noting with appreciation that Kenya has now joined low middle income countries,

Deeply concerned by the negative impacts of disasters on the economic gains that threaten to derail the achievements of vision 2030,

Noting that other Partner States of the EAC have disaster risk management policies,

Having committed to implement the Sendai Framework and the 2030 development agenda.

Hereby:

1. **Request** the National and County Governments to speedily expedite the process of having the Disaster Risk Management Policy and Bill enactment in parliaments;
2. **Urge** the National and County Governments to institute and strengthen measures to reduce disaster mortality from key hazards;
3. **Request** the National and County Governments to strengthen coordination and implementation of disaster risk reduction activities to enhance community resilience at all levels;
4. **Call** upon the private sector to proactively engage and support government efforts to ensure risk sensitive investments and risk informed infrastructural planning;
5. **Call** on the Government to partner with academia and research institutions to do evidence based research and provide information on impacts of disasters on country's economy;
6. **Request** all stakeholders to take innovative approaches including use of technology to address disaster risk management challenges;
7. **Consider** involvement of communities especially youth, women and people with disabilities in resilience building;

NANYUKI, KENYA: 13TH OCTOBER, 2016