Gentlemen,

Your Excellencies, Madame Pernent, Mr. Meningue, Minister of Environment and Forests, Dr. Chiteje and distinguished members of the podium.

I convey the appreciation of Her Excellency, Minister of Environment and National Resources, Jean Arisa, for the opportunity that represents this meeting on green economy and technical support to further advance the understanding between our nations in view of the Rio+20 meeting.

My country is participating in a constructive manner and with a great hope in front of a unique opportunity to advance sustainable development, with the view of reducing environmental deterioration and, at the same time, eradicate poverty. We are looking for a Summit oriented to a better future and to the profundization of the agreement of the Earth Summit and the Johannesburg Conference, reaffirming their validity and enlarging their objectives and ambitions.

Rio+20 gives all of us the opportunity to strengthen international cooperation, including public sources as well as a deeper participation of all sectors of society.
We are grateful of the Biodiversity Act 2002 that reaffirms our common commitment with sustainable development under the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and special national circumstances covered by proper, national, and local indicators of the Green Economy as a tool to advance toward sustainability and we are convinced that even in a difficult world economic situation, adequate measures to protect climate and other environments would, at the same time, reinforce the social and economic objective of such nation to achieve social equity and poverty eradication.