



Rwanda is very much delighted to take part to the 9<sup>th</sup> United Nations Forum Forest, which we value as an opportunity for our Nations to consolidate further our combined

To effectively change that trend, adequate land use planning and management was appraised as a critical prerequisite to enable realization of synergetic gains from land - based economic activities and the sustainable management of the environment.

On those premises, we have just completed our National Land Use and Development Master Plan, as we are also satisfactorily progressing towards completing systematic land registration and titling.

Having accomplished that provides us with a sound framework for realizing a profound change of our landscapes through systematic restoration country-wide.

Rwanda is immensely privileged to use this moment to make an announcement regarding the Rwanda Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative of which the implementation is set to start during this International Year of Forests. The initiative is a collaborative endeavor with the United Nations Forum for Forests and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and other members of the Global Partnership on Forest Landscape restoration.

I am therefore pleased to announce the following: “ **By Year 2035, Rwanda will have**