

# **SPEECH TO YOUNG PEOPLE.**

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## **PROMOTING THE GREEN ECONOMY AND CREATING SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Dear My fellow Young People,

Today, we gather here with a common purpose, to discuss our future, the future of our country, and how we can contribute to building a healthier, thriving, and sustainable world through the green economy.

### **Introduction**

In the modern world, we face significant environmental challenges that impact our daily lives. Climate change, environmental degradation, and air pollution are among the pressing issues that require urgent and decisive action. This is where the green economy comes in as a sustainable solution that can improve our environment, foster employment, and enhance our quality of life.

### **Why the Green Economy is Needed**

The green economy is an economic system that aims to deliver value without harming the environment. It involves the use of green technologies, renewable energy, and sustainable agricultural practices. This is important due to the following reasons,

- i. **Reducing Environmental Harm** because green technologies help reduce resource consumption and minimize waste and greenhouse gas emissions.
- ii. **Increasing Efficiency**, By adopting green practices, we can improve the efficiency of energy, water, and land use.
- iii. **Promoting Employment**, because green sectors such as renewable energy, green agriculture, and green construction can create new jobs and boost the economy.

### **Benefits of the Green Economy for Youth**

Young people are a crucial resource in driving the green economy. Here's how the green economy can benefit us,

- i. **Job Opportunities**, Green sectors offer employment in areas such as renewable energy, green agriculture, and green construction. By engaging in these sectors, we can find well-paying jobs aligned with environmental goals.
- ii. **Entrepreneurship**, The green economy provides significant entrepreneurial opportunities. We as young people can start green businesses such as renewable energy companies, sustainable farms, or environmental services.
- iii. **Building Reputation**, Through green projects, young people can build a positive reputation and become leaders in their communities.

### **Government Contributions and Development Plans**

The Tanzanian government has taken several steps to promote the green economy. Some of these measures include:

- i. **2022 Energy Policy:** Aims to increase the use of renewable energy sources like solar and wind.
- ii. **National Sustainable Agriculture Plan:** Focuses on promoting environmentally friendly farming practices and increasing productivity.
- iii. **Green Building Regulations:** Encourages the construction of energy-efficient buildings.

**However, there are additional areas that need improvement as follows;**

- i. **Education and Training,** so as to enhance training for youth on green technologies.
- ii. **Financial Support for Youth,** so as to establish low-interest loans and grants for young entrepreneurs.
- iii. **Green Infrastructure,** in order to Improve infrastructure such as sustainable transportation systems and water management.

### **How We As Youth Can Contribute**

Dear young people, we need to take concrete steps to advance the green economy. The ways in which we can start are as follows,

- i. **Education:** Let us Learn about green technologies and sustainable practices and develop plans to start green projects.
- ii. **Entrepreneurship,** Let us Start businesses related to environmental sustainability, such as green agriculture or renewable energy companies.
- iii. **Participation in Projects,** let us Join green projects in our communities, such as tree planting or promoting green practices.
- iv. **Innovation,** Let us use our skills in science and technology to create innovative solutions to environmental challenges.

### **Conclusion**

The green economy is not only about protecting the environment but also about improving our lives and creating sustainable employment. By working together, we can achieve better and sustainable development for future generations. Young people are a powerful force for change. We have the potential to contribute to building a thriving world through the green economy.

I urge you to unite in these efforts towards a brighter future. Let's take action today for a hopeful tomorrow. When we have a shared vision and genuine commitment, nothing is impossible.

**Thank you very much**



