

**ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY AMBASSADOR MACHARIA KAMAU DURING THE
CONFERRAL OF THE ELIZABETH HAUB AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
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I would like to thank the Elizabeth Haub Award for Environmental Diplomacy and the Jury of the Award from the International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL) and the Pace Law School for selecting me and honoring me with the Elizabeth Haub Award, Gold Medal.

I would like to recognize the Secretary General of the United Nations and other Senior UN officials present here and also my peers, Ambassadors, Permanent Representatives colleagues and friends. Thank you all for being here.

Let me also recognize my co-chair Ambassador Csaba Körösi, who is not here tonight for his exceptional work and for supporting and working with me on the SDG project. I could not have asked for a better partner.

It is not every day that one gets to hear of diplomats getting recognition of their work and effort; at least not where I come from. Diplomacy can sometimes feel like a long lonely slog especially if one is working on areas not popular or not of a high profile political nature.