

**CLOSING REMARKS BY HER EXCELLENCY, MAUREEN P. TAMUNO (Ph.D) AT THE
CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE FOURTH AFRICA'S DEEP SEABED RESOURCES
WORKSHOP HELD AT THE TRANSCORP HILTON HOTEL IN ABUJA FROM 5TH – 7TH
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PROTOCOLS

Let me begin by thanking the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, H.E. Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, and the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority, Mr. Michael Lodge, as well as the Government of Norway and the African Union for their collaboration and support for the Fourth Africa's Deep Seabed Resources Workshop. I would like to specially appreciate all the Ministries, Departments and Agencies that made this Workshop possible such as, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Federal Ministry of Transportation, Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), National Boundary Commission, the Nigerian Navy, Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron, Federal Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs, the private sector, Non Governmental Organisations, civil society, students and delegations from the 8 African countries.

2. The Fourth Africa's Deep Seabed Resources Workshop is indeed a huge success. I wish to acknowledge your robust participation, especially the recommendations from the group discussions which will form part of the policy framework that would be presented to the Heads of States of the African Union.

3. For us in Nigeria, we will continue to engage the relevant stakeholders through the inter-ministerial and the adhoc committee. Where necessary, we will expand the committees, to include other relevant bodies, in order to actualize the objectives of the ISA.

I wish you all, a safe return home.

Thank you.