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World Earth Day 2025 Speech *by: Samuel Lastone Phiri – Ungweru Organisation*

Good afternoon, everyone,

Today, as we gather to celebrate World Earth Day, we stand united in our commitment to a shared cause—a healthier, more sustainable planet. It is an honor to address you as the Executive Director of Ungweru Organisation, a movement built on the principles of environmental stewardship, community empowerment, and hope for a better tomorrow.

This year's Earth Day theme, "*Restore, Renew, and Thrive*," reminds us of our immense responsibility—not only to repair the damages inflicted upon our ecosystems but also to nurture them in ways that sustain future generations.

Restore:

Restoration begins with acknowledging the environmental degradation we face: deforestation, pollution, water scarcity, and loss of biodiversity. But it also means action. At Ungweru, we have taken steps to combat these challenges by planting trees, educating communities on waste management, and advocating for renewable energy solutions.

Every effort counts, and together, we can heal the scars on our planet.

Renew:

Renewal is a promise—a promise to rethink our practices, to embrace innovation, and to build resilience. It is about empowering individuals and communities to take ownership of the environment. It is about ensuring that sustainability is not just a policy but a way of life.

Through our partnerships, Ungweru Organisation has witnessed the power of renewal in communities turning abandoned land into thriving farms, creating clean water systems, and inspiring youth leaders to champion green initiatives.

Thrive:

Thrive is the vision we aspire to—a flourishing planet where every living being has an opportunity to prosper. Thriving means preserving the Earth's natural beauty while uplifting the people who call it home. It means equity and access, where no one is left behind in the journey to environmental progress.

Let us dream together: clean rivers, lush forests, vibrant communities—achievable, if we dare to care enough.

Call to Action:

On this Earth Day, I urge each of you to reflect on how your individual actions impact the environment. Whether it's reducing plastic use, planting a tree, supporting local green initiatives, or spreading awareness—every action has the potential to ripple outwards and create transformative change.

Ungweru Organisation stands ready to walk this path with you, hand in hand, driven by our shared love for this planet and unwavering hope for its future. Together, let us restore, renew, and thrive.

**Thank you for your dedication to
this cause, and happy Earth Day!**