

Speech by

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Praise be to Allah, who has bestowed upon us His mercy, and chosen us to follow the best of His creation, and blessings and peace be upon the best of creation and the seal of the prophets, Mohammad, may Allah's prayers and peace be upon Him. I am indeed proud to have been selected as one of this year's winners of the prestigious King Faisal Prize. The King Faisal award, gives to me an extremely special feeling in a sense that it is an honour granted on me on behalf of others, as I represent brothers and sisters from East Africa in receiving it. I am neither the most pious, nor the most generous, nor the most diligent of them all. The fact is that I have been chosen as the representative of the peoples of this part of the world where they regard me as their link, and as their partner who shares mutual reciprocal love of islamic faith. The King Faisal award also serves as an acknowledgment of what happened in Zanzibar, the United Republic of Tanzania, and the wider East African Community (EAC). I do dedicate this award to Muslim brothers and sisters, especially those who have sought to serve Islam and Muslims in the region. In conclusion, I abundantly convey my genuine thanks to those who believe that our efforts in the East African region are worthy of appreciation and recognition, wishing them and you all success for encouraging us to carry on our efforts. I pray to Almighty Allah that He may accept our prayers, guide us, and grant us a good outcome on all of our affairs.