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## PPRA ADDRESSES PROCUREMENT CHALLENGES FACING THE NATIONAL E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) has resolved several challenges experienced during the early implementation of Tanzania's National e-Procurement System (NeST). According to PPRA Communications Officer Mr. Joseph Muhozi, the system has undergone significant upgrades and is now functioning more efficiently. Key improvements have been made in areas such as tender advertisement, online bid submission, evaluation procedures, and digital contract signing.

He further highlighted that PPRA has taken deliberate steps to ensure the platform is more inclusive and user-friendly, especially for vulnerable and special groups, including people with disabilities. With the latest system improvements, these groups can now more effectively participate in tendering and bidding processes, supporting broader digital inclusion within national procurement activities.

[Source: The Daily News](#)

## TISEZA WARNS SERVICES PROVIDERS AGAINST REPUTATIONAL RISK

The Director General of the Tanzania Investment and Special Economic Zones Authority (TISEZA), Mr. Gilead Teri, has called on Investment Service Providers (ISPs) to maintain the highest standards of professionalism to enhance the country's reputation and attract more investors. Mr. Teri also encouraged service providers to work closely with TISEZA officials by utilizing their expertise, particularly during investment promotion missions and international outreach programs aimed at bringing investors into the country.

He reminded ISPs to make full use of TISEZA's One Stop Facilitation Centre (OSFC) a hub that brings together 16 government institutions, including the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and the Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA). The center is designed to ensure streamlined and timely issuance of investment permits and related services. One of the service providers, Mr. Mathias Mhina, a lawyer from FIN & LAW, commended TISEZA for organizing the training, saying it enabled him to familiarize himself with key guidelines for effective service delivery. He pledged to uphold professionalism to renew investors' trust and help attract both domestic and foreign investment.

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## **NEW LAND POLICY WINS APPLAUSE FOR EMPOWERING WOMEN AND SAFEGUARDING COMMUNITY LAND**

Members of the National Assembly have been encouraged to pass laws that protect village landownership and strengthen women's rights to own property. This call was made during policy dialogue sessions held in Arusha, where representatives from 14 civil society organizations gathered to enhance engagement in the National Land Policy and promote inclusive access to land-related opportunities. Participants urged policymakers to adopt a broader and more holistic understanding of land beyond viewing it solely as a foundation for investment.

Mr. Cathbert Tomitho, Executive Director of the Land Rights Research and Resources Institute (Haki-Ardhi), emphasized that land is a vital resource underpinning economic growth, social development, and the well-being of all citizens. The discussions highlighted the role of the Revised Tanzania National Land Policy 1995 (2023 Edition), which aims to address gaps in previous frameworks, improve land governance, and ensure fair and sustainable land use across the country. Key policy provisions include Equitable access to land for all citizens, Limits on land ownership to prevent excessive accumulation, and strengthened land tenure security.

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## **CRDB, MINING COMMISSION TO BOOST SMALL-SCALE MINERS' ACCESS TO CAPITAL**

CRDB Bank and the Mining Commission have entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to expand financial access for small-scale miners and to fast-track the formalization of Tanzania's mining industry. The agreement introduces a dedicated financial framework tailored to the needs of miners, especially small-scale operators who have long faced challenges in obtaining credit due to traditional banking requirements. Speaking during the signing ceremony, the Minister for Minerals, Hon. Anthony Mavunde, hailed the MoU as a key initiative that aligns ongoing government policy reforms with structured financing from the banking sector.

He noted that the mining industry currently contributes 10 percent to the national Gross Domestic Product and generates over 56 percent of Tanzania's foreign exchange earnings, with annual mineral exports surpassing USD 5 billion. The President of the Federation of Miners' Associations of Tanzania (FEMATA), Mr. John Bina, also commended the initiative, describing it as a major milestone for small-scale miners who have long struggled with restrictive collateral demands. He pledged the association's full cooperation with both CRDB Bank and the Mining Commission to ensure responsible use of the new financing opportunities and to support continued sector growth.

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## **GOVERNMENT SEEKS INVESTMENT, TAX AGREEMENTS WITH SINGAPORE**

The government is speeding up the finalization of a trade and investment protection agreement, as well as a double taxation avoidance agreement, with Singapore. Finance Minister Hon. Khamis Mussa Omar confirmed this after holding discussions with Singapore's High Commissioner, Mr. Douglas Foo. He emphasized that the investment protection pact is being accelerated to shield bilateral investments from non-commercial risks. At the same time, the double taxation agreement is intended to establish a stable and equitable tax framework. This will enable businesses from both countries to operate without facing the burden of being taxed twice, a challenge that often discourages international companies from expanding their operations.

The talks, held in a constructive and collaborative spirit, focused on strengthening bilateral ties across economic, social, and diplomatic spheres. A key priority was the removal of long-standing bureaucratic and fiscal barriers that have hindered the smooth flow of capital between the two nations. The finance minister noted that once finalized, these agreements will position Singaporean investors to benefit from access to a vast regional market spanning the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC), comprising hundreds of millions of consumers.

## **ZANZIBAR GOVERNMENT SIGNS USD12 MILLION DEAL WITH REAL ESTATE FIRM TO RESTORE HISTORIC HERITAGE SITES**

Zanzibar has launched a landmark USD12 million public-private partnership (PPP) with Infinity Developments to restore and preserve significant historical sites across the islands. According to Dr. Aboud Suleiman Jumbe, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, the project will focus on Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and will involve structural restoration, infrastructure upgrades, and rehabilitation of several culturally important locations. The agreement, signed over the weekend, brought together the Ministries of Tourism and Antiquities as well as Labour and Investment. The initiative aims not only to safeguard Zanzibar's cultural treasures but also to promote sustainable tourism.

Dr. Jumbe emphasized that the restoration efforts align with President Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi's vision of leveraging tourism and heritage conservation as key drivers of economic growth and social transformation. Principal Secretary for Labour and Investment, Mr. Suleiman Khamis Mwalimu, reaffirmed that the partnership demonstrates the government's commitment to fostering an attractive and competitive investment climate. He noted that the project is expected to create new jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities for local communities while enhancing the islands' appeal as a global tourism destination.

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## JUDICIARY UNLOCKS TZS 13.1 TRILLION

The Judiciary of Tanzania has cleared 93 percent of economic, commercial, land, and tax cases in just over a month a milestone that has released TZS 13.1 trillion back into the economy and strengthened public trust in the justice system. According to the Chief Registrar, Hon. Eva Nkya, the judiciary concluded 2,973 cases between November 3 and December 15 last year, far exceeding the original target of 2,128 cases that stakeholders agreed upon during a meeting held on October 8, 2025. She said that by December 15, when we wrapped up the special sessions, we had achieved exceptional progress, disposing of more than 93 percent of the targeted cases. Hon. Nkya further noted that the cases finalized during this period involved claims valued at TZS13.1 trillion, funds that have now been released into active economic circulation.

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## MINISTER REPORTS MAJOR PROGRESS AS TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA CONCLUDE FIVE PERSISTENT TRADE DISPUTES

Tanzania and Zambia have successfully resolved five out of ten major non-tariff barriers that have long hindered cross-border trade and caused heavy congestion at the Tunduma–Nakonde border, one of Southern Africa’s most critical trade gateways. The agreements were reached during a bilateral goodwill meeting held at the border, led by Tanzania’s Minister for Foreign Affairs, Hon. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, and his Zambian counterpart, Mr. Mulambo Haimbe, with senior government officials from both nations in attendance. The breakthrough is expected to significantly enhance regional commerce by reducing delays and improving operational efficiency for transporters and traders across the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

According to the minister, the measures agreed upon will increase the competitiveness of border operations and ports, stimulate both regional and international trade, and strengthen the economies of Tanzania, Zambia, and the broader Southern Africa region. This development comes at a time when improved regional trade facilitation is essential for accelerating economic growth within SADC.

[Source: The Citizen](#)

## EXPERTS CALL FOR USE OF LEGAL TECHNOLOGY TO BRIDGE JUSTICE GAPS

Legal specialists are urging faster adoption of digital technologies within Tanzania’s justice sector, emphasizing that such innovations are key to breaking down long-standing barriers to legal assistance faced by millions. This appeal was made during the East Africa Legal Tech for Legal Aid and Access to Justice Symposium, held on February 24 at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM). The two-day event brought together more than 200 participants from across the region to discuss how technology can broaden access to justice. Opening the symposium on behalf of the

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Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Deputy Minister Hon. Zainab Katimba stressed that justice institutions must evolve in tandem with societal changes to remain inclusive and effective.

She pointed out that many citizens continue to struggle with land disputes, labour disagreements, and family-related conflicts without receiving timely or affordable legal support. Dr. Cecilia Ngaiza, a lecturer at the UDSM School of Law, added that digital innovations could significantly widen access to legal information, reducing the need for individuals to travel long distances for basic guidance. She also warned that digital reforms must be accompanied by strong investments in technological infrastructure and digital literacy to ensure inclusivity.

## **FCC EXPLAINS NEW MANDATE AFTER AMENDMENT OF COMPETITION LAW**

The Fair Competition Commission (FCC) has detailed its strengthened enforcement powers following recent amendments to the Competition Act, noting that the reforms now allow the Commission to execute its decisions even when those decisions are under appeal. Under the 2024 amendments, an appeal to the Fair Competition Tribunal (FCT) will no longer automatically suspend FCC rulings. Previously, the filing of an appeal meant that enforcement was paused, a loophole some companies used to delay compliance. FCC's Manager for Legal Services, Mr. Josephat Mkizungo, explained that the new provisions close this gap. He said that in the past, once a complainant appealed, our decisions were automatically put on hold, and some businesses used this to stall enforcement.

The revised law now gives us authority to proceed with implementation even as the appeal process continues, Mr. Mkizungo made the remarks during a seminar organized by the Commission to brief media editors on the recent legal changes. He emphasized that despite the strengthened enforcement mandate, parties still maintain the right to challenge Tribunal decisions by appealing to the High Court. Meanwhile, FCC Acting Director General Ms. Khadija Ngasongwa noted that similar awareness seminars will be conducted across the country to inform stakeholders about the updated legal framework and its implications for businesses and consumers.

[Source: Daily News](#)

## **SAFETY DRIVE TARGETS SMALL-SCALE ENTREPRENEURS**

The government has launched a nationwide Occupational Safety and Health campaign aimed at strengthening compliance among small-scale entrepreneurs, with an initial emphasis on high-risk sectors such as mining. The initiative was unveiled by the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Employment and Industrial Relations), Mr. Deus Sangu, as part of the activities leading up to the International Day for Safety and Health at Work, which will be commemorated on April 28, 2026. The campaign officially kicked off in Bukombe District in the Geita Region, where more than 350 members of the Bukombe Women Miners Association (WAWABU) participated in a one-day training session focused on safety and health best practices.

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During the launch, the minister praised the women miners for their determination and courage in entering a field that has traditionally been dominated by men. He emphasized that improving safety standards in small-scale mining and other high-risk industries is critical not only for protecting workers' lives but also for promoting sustainable economic growth. The nationwide rollout will continue across various regions as the government works to enhance awareness, reduce workplace accidents, and build a culture of prevention among Tanzania's entrepreneurs.

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## **TCAA PUSHES AIR LAW REFORMS AS ICAO SPOTLIGHTS TREATY RATIFICATION**

The government has intensified calls for the speedy ratification and domestication of international air law treaties, stressing that a strong and coherent legal framework is essential to sustain the rapid transformation taking place in the aviation industry. The renewed push comes amid sweeping technological shifts in global aviation, including the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI), unmanned aircraft systems, digitalization, and growing cybersecurity threats, factors that are rapidly reshaping the industry's operational landscape. Speaking at the opening of the 2026 Air Law Treaty Workshop, organized by the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) in collaboration with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the Attorney General.

Hon. Hamza Johari emphasized the urgency of aligning national laws with emerging international standards. He noted that timely ratification will enable Tanzania to strengthen regulatory clarity, enhance aviation safety, and remain competitive within the global air transport system. ICAO's Director of Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau, Mr. Michael Gill, underscored that the ratification and implementation of international air law treaties remain central to ensuring safe, secure, regular, and sustainable air transport worldwide.

## **TBS DESTROYS 4.5 TONNES OF GOODS UNFIT FOR HUMAN USE**

The government has intensified calls for the speedy ratification and domestication of international air law treaties, stressing that a strong and coherent legal framework is essential to sustain the rapid transformation taking place in the aviation industry. According to Quality Control Officer and Acting Manager for the TBS Central Zone, Ms. Josifa Chamgenzi, the products were confiscated between October last year and February this year across the Central Zone regions of Dodoma, Singida, and Iringa. She explained that the destroyed items included expired, tampered, or poor-quality food products that posed serious risks to public health. Ms. Chamgenzi warned that the consumption of expired or compromised goods can lead to both immediate and long-term medical complications.

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## **REGULATORS STEP UP CHECKS ON MERGES TO PROTECT CONSUMERS**

As mergers and acquisitions (M&A) continue to accelerate across East Africa, competition regulators are stepping up oversight to ensure that growing market consolidation does not weaken competition, undermine consumer protection, or pose risks to regional economic stability. The Manager for Mergers and Acquisitions at the Fair Competition Commission (FCC), Mr. Innocent Swatty, stated that Tanzania's merger control regime is progressively aligning with regional standards. However, notable differences remain between national regulations and those of the East African Community (EAC). Speaking in Dar es Salaam, Mr. Swatty stressed that merger control is not intended to obstruct business expansion, but rather to safeguard fair competition and prevent consumer harm, including price increases, lower product quality, and reduced choice.

Under Tanzania's legal framework, the FCC is the primary authority responsible for reviewing mergers that meet specified thresholds relating to combined assets or turnover. A transaction becomes notifiable when it results in a change of control, which may arise through share acquisitions, voting rights, board composition, or influence, or even minority stakes that grant decisive strategic power. Mr. Swatty cautioned merging parties against implementing notifiable transactions before receiving regulatory clearance. Such premature action, commonly referred to as gun-jumping, exposes firms to serious enforcement consequences.

[Source: The Guardian](#)

## **CHIEF JUSTICE WARNS GOVERNMENT LAWYERS AGAINST CASE DELAYS**

The Hon. Chief Justice George Masaju has issued a stern warning to both government and private-sector lawyers, declaring that the Judiciary will no longer tolerate deliberate delays in court proceedings. Speaking at a high-level stakeholder meeting in Dodoma, the Chief Justice emphasized that such practices undermine the timely delivery of justice and erode public confidence in the legal system. The forum brought together representatives from the Judiciary, regulatory bodies, and the wider legal profession to discuss the handling of complex tax, commercial, banking, and competition cases. Justice Masaju stressed that unnecessary adjournments, often based on weak or repetitive excuses, slow down the justice system and negatively affect the nation's investment climate.

He explained that the timely resolution of disputes in key sectors such as taxation and trade is essential for maintaining investor confidence. Prolonged legal battles, he noted, can disrupt business operations and hinder broader economic development. By ensuring cases are handled efficiently and professionally, the Judiciary aims to strengthen its role as a driver of national progress. In his address, Hon. Justice Masaju acknowledged the collective efforts of legal stakeholders but underscored that diligence remains non-negotiable.

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## ZANZIBAR FORTIFIES LEGAL, POLICY FRAMEWORK TO PROTECT RESIDENTS FROM ONLINE RISKS

The Zanzibar government has reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding residents, particularly young people, from the risks associated with internet use, while continuing to promote digital innovation and economic growth. Minister for Communication, Information Technology and Innovation, Hon. Mudrik Ramadhan Soraga, told the House of Representatives that the government recognises the immense benefits of internet access across education, communication, the digital economy, and innovation.

He noted that the government has therefore adopted comprehensive measures to address emerging digital threats. Firstly, the government has continued to strengthen its policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks. We are effectively reviewing and supervising ICT-related policies, laws, strategies, and regulations to ensure strong oversight of internet services. Mr. Soraga added that the government is also reinforcing digital security oversight through the e-Government Authority Zanzibar (eGAZ), which is responsible for coordinating and supervising all e-Government systems to ensure compliance with ICT standards and cybersecurity guidelines.

[Source: Daily News](#)

## DIGITAL LABOUR SYSTEM TO POWER ECONOMIC GROWTH

The government has said that the establishment of the National Labour Market Information System (NLMIS) demonstrates its commitment to leveraging technology to promote employment, enhance productivity, and stimulate national economic growth. These remarks were delivered by Mr. Godwin Mpelumbe, Acting Senior Director of Employment and Skills Development in the Prime Minister's Office Labour, Employment and Relations, during a training session for private sector employers held in Dar es Salaam. Mr. Mpelumbe explained that the system will allow private sector employers to easily access and share employment data, including job projections across various sectors.

He noted that, through NLMIS, employment information will now be properly documented, readily available, and accessible in real time. A Senior Human Resources Officer from Amana Bank added that the new system will significantly simplify access to data on graduates from different academic years, information that was previously difficult for employers to obtain. She further explained that employers will now be able to advertise job vacancies through the platform, facilitating seamless information sharing between employers and job seekers.

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