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FUNDING PPP PROJECTS PREPARATION IS KEY TO VISION 2050

Stakeholders have urged the government to allocate a dedicated budget for Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project preparation, describing it as a decisive factor in unlocking Tanzania's investment potential and achieving the goals of Development Vision 2050. As preparations for the 2026/27 fiscal year gather pace, experts warned that without adequate funding for the early stages of project development, even the most promising initiatives risk stalling before reaching the market. They stressed that PPP project preparation is not merely a procedural requirement, but a strategic investment that determines whether projects become bankable, attract credible investors, and are implemented efficiently.

Public-Private Partnership Centre (PPPC) Executive Director Mr. David Kafulila outlined four critical pillars required for a functional PPP framework. These include legal reforms, availability of funding through a dedicated PPP Facilitation Fund, capacity building within government institutions, and enhanced public awareness, particularly among policymakers and legislators. On legal reforms, Mr. Kafulila said the Ministry of Finance, in collaboration with the Attorney General's Office, is currently working to strengthen the PPP legal framework.

EAC CITIZENS URGED TO EMBRACE REGIONAL IDENTITY

Citizens of the East African Community (EAC) have been urged to increasingly identify themselves as East Africans, rather than primarily along national lines, in a move seen as critical to strengthening regional cohesion, integration, and unity. The call comes amid renewed emphasis by the bloc's leadership on deepening regional cooperation, enhancing collective security, and unlocking broader economic and social opportunities for communities across the region.

Speaking at a leadership handover ceremony at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha, newly appointed Secretary General Ambassador Stephen Mbundi said that a shared East African identity is a key pillar in achieving the Community's long-term vision. He noted that embracing a common identity would help dismantle mental and economic barriers, thereby stimulating trade, employment, and investment. The ceremony marked the official transfer of office from outgoing Secretary General Ms. Veronica Nduva and was attended by staff of the institution and development partners, including the German Development Agency (GIZ). The event reflected renewed optimism within the bloc, with a strong emphasis on unity, cooperation, and shared

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identity as foundations for advancing East Africa's economic, political, and social development.

TRA TARGETS YOUTH IN DRIVE TO BOOST TAX COMPLIANCE

The Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) in Manyara Region has intensified efforts to expand tax education among young people, aiming to nurture a culture of voluntary tax compliance rooted in patriotism. Speaking during a meeting with nine tax clubs comprising Form Four and Form Six students at Manyara Girls Secondary School in Babati District, acting Manyara Regional Manager Mr. Simon Baraka said the initiative targets secondary school students as future taxpayers. Mr. Baraka said TRA is equipping students with knowledge on the proper use of Electronic Fiscal Devices (EFDs) to develop a future generation of skilled, informed, and compliant taxpayers.

He added that early tax education will help broaden the tax base as students gain an understanding of tax matters before engaging in income-generating activities. He said These young people will play a key role in expanding the tax base because they understand tax issues and the importance of compliance. Meanwhile, Manyara TRA Tax Officer Mr. Faraja Mtani revealed that 170 students from nine schools in Babati District have so far graduated from tax training programmes and received certificates, out of a total of 553 participants. She said tax clubs are designed to nurture a patriotic generation that understands tax laws and responsibilities from an early age.

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TANZANIANS URGED TO USE AI TECHNOLOGY TO FIGHT CYBERCRIME

Tanzanians have been urged to make use of advanced global Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies to curb the rising incidents of cybercrime, which continue to undermine public service delivery and digital systems. The call was made by the Director of Infrastructure and Operations for eGovernment Services in the President's Office, Mr. Benjamin Dotto, while presenting his views at a high-level forum held under the theme "*Strengthening Cyber Security and Advancing through AI-Ready Infrastructure and Public-Private Collaboration.*"

Mr. Dotto was addressing technology professionals and public sector stakeholders who gathered in Dar es Salaam for a one-day event focused on strengthening cybersecurity and building modern, resilient information technology environments to support Tanzania's digital transformation agenda. The forum explored how AI technologies can enhance public service delivery, strengthen cybersecurity and regulatory compliance, and enable data-driven decision-making, while also emphasizing the need to manage risks associated with the misuse of emerging technologies. The event was hosted by Computer Connections Ltd in collaboration with the President's Office e-Government Authority (EGA) and Dell Technologies.

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Discussions highlighted the growing need for secure, scalable, and AI-ready infrastructure as organisations increasingly adopt advanced digital and AI-driven systems. In his keynote address, Mr Dotto emphasised the national importance of AI, describing it as a critical technological tool that can now be effectively deployed to combat cybercrime, safeguard digital infrastructure, and protect systems that form part of citizens' daily lives.

[Source: The Citizen](#)

EXPERTS URGE NEW LAW AS FREE MATERNAL CARE POLICY STRUGGLES

Expectant mothers in Tanzania continue to face charges for medical services, despite the National Health Policy of 2007 clearly stipulating that maternal healthcare should be provided free of charge. This situation has reignited debate among health experts, policymakers, and other stakeholders, who point to a persistent gap between policy and implementation. There are growing calls to anchor the policy in law to ensure compliance across all health facilities. Reports from various regions indicate that expectant mothers are being asked to pay between Sh15,000 and Sh30,000 for services at some health facilities.

In other cases, women are required to bring basic medical supplies such as cotton wool, gloves, syringes, disinfectants, and delivery materials before receiving care. Health policy provisions state that the government, in collaboration with non-profit private providers and international partners, shall ensure free health services for expectant mothers, users of family planning services, and children under five years of age. The policy further classifies expectant mothers as a special group that should not be required to contribute to the cost of healthcare services.

This exemption is intended to promote equitable access to maternal and child health services. Speaking on the matter, Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba recently reiterated government directives, calling on health facilities to ensure that expectant mothers are attended to immediately upon arrival, without delays or additional requirements.

GOVERNMENT RESERVES SELECT MINING SERVICE TYPES FOR LOCAL FIRMS

The government has moved to deepen local participation in the mining sector by reserving 20 categories of goods and services exclusively for companies fully owned by Tanzanians. The decision forms part of a broader strategy aimed at expanding value addition and ensuring that a greater share of mining benefits remains within the domestic economy. Presenting his ministry's 2026/27 budget in Parliament, the Minister for Minerals, Hon. Anthony Mavunde, said the measure is intended to ensure that growth in the mining sector translates into Tanzanian-owned contracts, sustainable employment opportunities, skills development, and increased public revenue.

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Hon. Mavunde noted that strengthening local content requirements is central to the government's ambition to build a resilient domestic supply chain linked to the country's mineral wealth. He explained that the Mining Commission will continue publishing an updated list of goods and services that must be supplied strictly by companies that are 100 percent Tanzanian-owned. He emphasised that non-Tanzanian firms are not permitted to operate within these reserved areas, in line with existing local content regulations.

The policy is designed to strengthen the domestic supplier base supporting mining activities. He added that increased participation by Tanzanians in procurement processes will help ensure that wealth generated from mineral resources circulates more widely within the national economy, reinforcing inclusive growth and long-term economic sustainability.

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TANZANIA'S EQUITY MARKET INVESTORS NEAR ONE MILLION MARK

Tanzanians are increasingly taking advantage of investment opportunities in financial markets, with the number of equity market investors projected to reach a historic milestone of one million, signalling a structural shift in the country's savings and investment culture. The Chief Executive Officer of the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE), Mr. Peter Nalitolela, said at a press briefing that the growth reflects sustained public awareness campaigns, rapid adoption of mobile trading platforms, and broader financial inclusion initiatives. Mr. Nalitolela noted that digital technology has significantly lowered entry barriers, enabling more retail investors to participate in wealth creation.

He said the number of Central Depository System (CDS) accounts reached 815,838 by the end of March, representing a 28.94 per cent increase from 632,715 accounts recorded in March 2025. The market is expected to hit the one-million-investor mark by the end of this year. He described the trend as a clear shift towards retail participation in capital markets, although large-capitalisation companies continue to dominate. Firms such as CRDB, NMB, KCB, EABL, TBL, Vodacom, TPCC, and TCC account for a substantial share of total market capitalisation, highlighting the market's relatively concentrated structure. Market performance also remained strong, with the DSE all Share Index (DSEI) rising by 72.77 per cent to 4,006.77 points, while the Tanzania Share Index (TSI) gained 85.03 per cent to 9,034 points.

Source: Daily News

NEW STRATEGY TO BOOST MINERAL PROCESSING

The government has completed the formulation of the Mineral Value Addition Strategy, a move aimed at transforming Tanzania's mining sector by scaling up domestic processing and reducing the export of raw minerals. The strategy seeks to shift the sector from exporting unprocessed minerals to producing and exporting

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valued mineral products within the country, thereby enhancing local industrial development and economic returns. Presenting the Ministry of Minerals' Sh174.9 billion budget estimates for the 2026/27 financial year in Parliament.

Minister for Minerals Hon. Anthony Mavunde said effective implementation of the strategy will significantly increase the value of the country's mineral resources. The minister said the ministry is working with owners of gold refineries to secure London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) certification, which will enable Tanzanian gold to access international markets and command higher value. Hon. Mavunde further noted that initiatives are underway to strengthen value addition in gemstones and precious metals, including the construction of an eight-storey building at the Tanzania Gemological Centre (TGC). The facility is expected to enhance training capacity, skills development, and innovation within the minerals sector.

PCCB CALLS FOR JOINT ACTION TO FIGHT CORRUPTION IN FOOTBALL

The Director General of the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB), Mr. Crispin Chalamila, has called for stronger cooperation among football stakeholders to curb corruption and safeguard the integrity of the sport in Tanzania. Speaking in Dar es Salaam during a stakeholders' workshop on tackling corruption in football, Mr Chalamila said corruption remains a major threat that could undermine the progress made in the game. He noted that PCCB's mandate includes prevention, public education, and investigations, with prevention relying heavily on collaboration with key stakeholders.

He said that in carrying out our preventive role, we focus on educating the public, working closely with stakeholders, and identifying loopholes so that we can seal them. Mr Chalamila emphasised that Tanzanian football has recorded significant growth in recent years due to increased investment from businesspeople, companies, and development partners, attracting players from across Africa. However, he warned that these gains could be eroded if corruption and match-fixing are not effectively addressed. He said collective efforts are required from all stakeholders, including club officials, referees, journalists, betting companies, the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), and the National Sports Council (NSC), to tackle the problem effectively.

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TANZANIA AND BELARUS SIGN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO BOOST TRADE

Tanzania and Belarus have signed an economic cooperation agreement aimed at strengthening trade, investment, and industrial development between the two countries, marking a significant step toward revitalising bilateral relations. The agreement was concluded during the official visit of Belarus' Foreign Minister, Hon. Maxim Ryzhenkov, to Tanzania, signalling renewed commitment by both nations to deepen ties after nearly five decades of limited diplomatic and economic engagement.

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Speaking at the signing ceremony, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Planning and Investment), Hon. Prof. Kitila Mkumbo, said the agreement establishes a Joint Cooperation Committee that will oversee implementation and guide collaboration in key sectors of mutual interest.

Hon. Prof Mkumbo noted that Belarus has registered notable progress in agro-processing and agricultural mechanisation, areas Tanzania is keen to advance as part of its broader economic transformation and efforts to boost productivity in the agriculture sector. He added that the agreement is expected to open up opportunities for knowledge exchange, technology transfer, and increased private-sector participation, thereby strengthening economic linkages and delivering shared benefits to both countries.

[Source: The Citizen](#)

PRISONS SERVICE UNVEILS STRATEGY TO FEED INMATES

The Tanzania Prisons Service (TPS) has launched an ambitious nationwide agriculture and livestock programme aimed at achieving full food self-sufficiency across all prisons by July 1, 2026, a move expected to significantly reduce government expenditure while strengthening inmate rehabilitation. The programme, which is being implemented across multiple regions, forms part of a broader strategy to ensure prisons produce enough food to meet their own needs, with surplus output earmarked for sale in commercial markets to support national food security.

According to the Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services at TPS headquarters, Ms. Amina Kavirondo, the initiative is fully integrated into the prisons' rehabilitation framework. Speaking to journalists in Dodoma ahead of a media tour of project sites in Morogoro, Iringa, Dar es Salaam, and Mbeya, Ms. Kavirondo said the programme follows a directive from the Commissioner General of Prisons, Mr. Jeremiah Katungu. She emphasizes that the projects seek to implement our goal of becoming self-sufficient in feeding prisons nationwide, while allowing surplus food to enter the market to ease the government's burden and contribute to national food security. The programme prioritises the production of staple crops such as maize, rice, legumes, and sunflowers.

[Source: Daily News](#)

DSE MARKET CAPITALISATION JUMPS NEARLY 40 PER CENT IN FIRST QUARTER

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) recorded a strong rise in total equity market capitalisation in the first quarter ending March this year, signalling renewed investor confidence and a broad-based rally in share prices. According to the latest market performance report, the bourse's total market capitalisation rose to Sh33.44 trillion at the end of March from Sh24.01 trillion recorded in the previous quarter, representing a 39.38 per cent increase.

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DSE Chief Executive Officer Mr. Peter Nalitolela said the continued expansion reflects growing confidence in Tanzania's capital markets, supported by strong corporate performance, rising domestic investor participation, and ongoing product innovation, including the introduction of Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs). Mr. Nalitolela said we have witnessed a significant rise in liquidity and trading activity during the period under review, with more investors accessing the market through digital platforms and taking advantage of new investment opportunities.

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