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PRESIDENT SAMIA CHARTS A BOLD FOREIGN POLICY PATH



Key Priorities of the Ministry's Financial Year 2025/2026

Priority #1

To build and strengthen relations with partner States, promote political diplomacy, and enhance Tanzania's participation at the regional and international levels.

Priority #2

To coordinate the implementation of the Foreign Policy, seek markets for Tanzanian products, and attract investment, tourism, and employment opportunities for youth.

Priority #3

To increase Tanzania's influence regionally and globally and promote the use of the Kiswahili language worldwide.

Priority #4

To contribute to the promotion of global peace, security, and stability.

Priority #5

To improve the Ministry's performance, strengthen good governance and human resource capacity, and ensure effective implementation of its responsibilities.

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Foreword



Hon. Amb. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo
**MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND EAST AFRICAN COOPERATION**

In an era of rapid geopolitical shifts and economic interdependence, Tanzania's foreign policy stands as a beacon of strategic adaptation and principled engagement. This edition of the Foreign Affairs Bulletin chronicles a pivotal quarter marked by the official launch of the 2024 Edition of Tanzania's Foreign Policy, presided over by H.E. President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan in Dar es Salaam.

This milestone event signals a recalibration of our diplomatic posture, attuned to evolving global realities and domestic imperatives. The refreshed policy framework prioritizes economic diplomacy, regional and continental integration, digital innovation, and sustainable development, all while upholding Tanzania's foundational commitments to peace, solidarity, mutual respect, and cultural norms.

At the core of this agenda lies a robust emphasis on economic diplomacy, recognizing that Tanzania's growth is inextricably tied to its integration into the global marketplace. Over the past quarter, the Ministry has orchestrated targeted high-level missions and sector-focused dialogues to elevate our economic standing. These initiatives aim to draw foreign direct investment, broaden export horizons for Tanzanian goods, and facilitate the influx of technology and

expertise through cross-border collaborations—efforts that promise to bolster resilience and prosperity amid uncertain international currents.

Regionally, Tanzania is intensifying its footprint within the East African Community (EAC), championing initiatives that dismantle trade barriers, enhance infrastructure connectivity, and align policies on critical fronts. In concert with EAC counterparts, we are confronting transnational challenges, from security dilemmas and climate vulnerabilities to the pursuit of equitable development, underscoring diplomacy's role as a catalyst for collective advancement. These endeavors encapsulate Tanzania's broader ambition: to wield diplomacy not merely for political accord but as a lever for national and regional metamorphosis.

In the fourth quarter, it was my privilege to table the Ministry's budget estimates for the 2025/2026 financial year before Parliament in Dodoma. This presentation articulated five strategic priorities, seamlessly aligned with the newly unveiled Foreign Policy: cultivating deeper ties with partner states, advancing political diplomacy, and ensuring Tanzania's proactive voice in regional and global arenas; coordinating the policy's rollout to unlock international markets, attract investments and tourism, and spur youth employment; contributing to worldwide peace, security, and stability; and enhancing institutional efficacy through governance reforms, human capital development, and project execution.

I reiterated our pledge to fiscal prudence, accountability, and leveraging foreign relations for tangible developmental gains.

I extend sincere appreciation to our diplomats and staff at home and abroad for their unwavering dedication, and to our regional and international allies for their shared pursuit of progress. As this financial year draws to a close, I invite readers to delve into this bulletin—not just as a compendium of accomplishments, but as a blueprint for future collaboration in an interconnected world.

Hon. Amb. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo
Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation

Official Statements



OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE
PERMANENT SECRETARY
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It is my privilege to introduce the fourth-quarter edition of the Foreign Affairs Bulletin for the 2024/2025 financial year. This publication reaffirms the Ministry's resolve to maintain open channels with the public and international partners, chronicling our operational advancements in pursuing Tanzania's diplomatic imperatives with transparency and efficacy.

This period marked a defining moment in Tanzania's diplomatic evolution with the launch of the 2024 Edition of the Foreign Policy, by H.E. President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan in Dar es Salaam. As the first comprehensive revision in more than two decades, the updated policy builds upon a distinguished legacy rooted in the post-independence vision of founding President Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, who championed non-alignment, Pan-African solidarity, and liberation movements during that time.

In 2001, President Benjamin Mkapa reoriented the policy to reflect the then global circumstances such as globalisation and economic liberalization. Now, under President Samia's leadership, the Foreign Policy embraces the demands of the 21st century—advancing priorities such as the global promotion of Kiswahili, preservation of cultural heritage, environmental responsibility, and strategic diaspora engagement—aimed at enhancing Tanzania's international stature and developmental impact.

Tanzania's international engagement continued to gain momentum, bolstered by high-level visits from H.E. Daniel Chapo of Mozambique, H.E. Alexander Stubb of Finland, H.E. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah of Namibia, and H.E. Evariste Ndayishimiye of Burundi. These strategic engagements deepened bilateral cooperation across key sectors—including trade, investment, education, energy, and agriculture—and affirmed Tanzania's rising diplomatic profile and growing influence in an increasingly interconnected geopolitical landscape.

Africa Day observances, themed around Pan-African unity and socio-economic renewal, further highlighted our commitments. Hosting H.E. Thabo Mbeki, former President of South Africa, for visits to Dar es Salaam and the historically resonant Mazimbu site, culminated in his delivery of the 15th Thabo Mbeki Lecture—a forum that convened scholars, officials, and civil society to deliberate on Africa's trajectory. Complementing this, in partnership with the African Diplomatic Group, we orchestrated the Africa Day Marathon, uniting diplomats, youth, and citizens to advance themes of health, cohesion, and civic vitality.

Concluding the quarter, the Minister tabled the 2025/2026 budget estimates in Dodoma's Parliament, articulating strategic pillars aligned with our foreign policy: economic diplomacy, integration efforts, diaspora outreach, and global collaboration.

I commend the Ministry's cadre for their exemplary service and extend thanks to our collaborators for their indispensable alliance. As we welcome the new fiscal year, we remain poised to harness emerging prospects with strategic vigor.

Ambassador Dr. Samuel W. Shefukindo

Permanent Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
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COOPERATION RESPONSIBLE FOR
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In the context of the East African Community's (EAC) advancing agenda of unity and mutual prosperity, I am delighted to present an overview of Tanzania's substantive contributions and progress in regional obligations spanning April to June 2025. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation has prioritized strategic engagements to foster economic synergy, regulatory alignment, and joint security measures, harmonizing domestic objectives with EAC imperatives.

Tanzania assumed a prominent role during the 7th EAC Sectoral Council on Fisheries and Aquaculture held in Kisumu, Kenya—becoming the only Partner State to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Operation Save Nile Perch. This firm stance against illegal fishing in Lake Victoria was complemented by our 98% fulfilment of assessed financial contributions to the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (LVFO), and by spearheading the development of Standard Operating Procedures for coordinated Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS). These actions reflect Tanzania's enduring commitment to sustainable fisheries management and environmental preservation.

In the health sector, the 25th Sectoral Council of Ministers for Health convened in Arusha endorsed Tanzania as the host for two additional EAC Regional Centres of Excellence: The Centre for Oral Health Sciences at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) and the Centre for Transplant and Haematological Sciences at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital. Together with the already established Cardiovascular Centre at MUHAS, these institutions elevate Tanzania's position as a regional hub for specialized healthcare, advanced training, and medical innovation.

Under the Lake Victoria Basin Commission, Tanzania secured an additional EUR 7.86 million in funding for wastewater infrastructure in Mwanza, raising the total allocation to EUR 13.16 million. The project is poised to significantly enhance public

health and environmental sustainability. Moreover, Tanzania led regional efforts to address the emergence of *Salvinia* spp., a new invasive aquatic species, culminating in the formation of a Regional Technical Task Force.

In the sectors of education, science, technology, culture, and sports, Tanzania contributed to the 20th Ordinary Meeting of the relevant Sectoral Council, with final outcomes pending report. Meanwhile, in the trade and economic sectors, Tanzania actively participated in three critical EAC Sectoral Council meetings on Trade, Industry, Finance, and Investment (SCTIFI), advocating for full implementation of the Single Customs Territory and reciprocal system access for Tanzanian customs officers. In the 40th Extraordinary SCTIFI session, we backed strategic proposals to strengthen the EAC Leather Strategy and develop a regional roadmap for the cotton value chain.

At the 17th Sectoral Council on Finance and Economic Affairs, Tanzania contributed substantively to deliberations on the Common External Tariff for 2025/2026, East African Monetary Union developments, and macroeconomic convergence. We also reaffirmed our reservation on the use of national identity cards as travel documents, in line with Article 9(2) of the EAC Common Market Protocol.

On peace and security, Tanzania participated in the 9th Sectoral Council on Interstate Security held in Entebbe, Uganda. Our contributions addressed key issues including implementation of prior directives, the findings of the EAC Chiefs of Police, and reports from Heads of Immigration Departments—reflecting Tanzania’s firm stance on regional stability and coordinated security frameworks.

Additionally, Tanzania played an active role in the 40th Sectoral Council on Cooperation in Defence Affairs hosted in Arusha. The Council reviewed progress on shared military industrial capacity, operational documentation, and intelligence coordination. Tanzania’s participation underscored its integral role in fostering collective defense cooperation and regional stability.

These collective efforts demonstrate Tanzania’s unwavering commitment to regional integration and to ensuring that EAC policies deliver meaningful outcomes for our citizens. As we look ahead, the Ministry remains fully engaged in advancing a unified, resilient, and prosperous East African Community.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to our national institutions, private sector actors, civil society organizations, and development partners for their continued collaboration and support. Together, we will continue to shape a stronger, more cohesive East Africa—anchored in shared progress, sustainable development, and strategic partnership.

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President Samia's Historic State Visit to Angola Rekindles Strategic Ties

By Amb. Mindi Kasiga, ndc, Rose Shayo and Tatu Lugusa

In a diplomatic gesture laden with historical symbolism and future promise, Tanzanian President H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan undertook a State Visit to the Republic of Angola from April 7–9, 2025, marking a watershed moment in the modern history of Tanzania–Angola relations. Her visit, the first by a Tanzanian Head of State in nearly two decades, comes at a time when both nations are reimagining their roles in a rapidly evolving regional and global order.

Invited by Angolan President João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, the three-day visit served as a strategic platform to reset bilateral relations, deepen economic collaboration, and consolidate long-standing solidarity rooted in Africa's liberation history.

A Historic Reconnection

President Samia's arrival at Luanda's 4 de Fevereiro International Airport was met with full diplomatic honors, underscoring the significance both nations attach to this rekindled partnership. She was received by Angolan Foreign

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Minister H.E. Tete António, accompanied by Tanzania's own Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, and Ambassador Lt. Gen. Mathew Edward Mkingule, accredited to Angola from Lusaka.

This was no ordinary diplomatic exchange. It marked the first visit by a Tanzanian President to Angola since 2006, when then-President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete paid an official call—highlighting a long lapse in top-level exchanges between two countries that once stood shoulder to shoulder during Africa's most defining geopolitical struggles.

Strategic Realignment for a New Era

During her official engagements, President Samia advanced a compelling vision for renewed bilateral cooperation. Speaking before a high-level audience of Angolan policymakers, private sector stakeholders, and development partners, she underscored the underutilized economic potential between the two nations. With bilateral trade hovering between USD 2 to 3.5 million annually, she challenged both governments to elevate this figure to reflect the scale of opportunity that exists.



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“We must aim higher,” President Samia declared. “Tanzania welcomes Angolan investment across sectors such as agriculture, industry, mining, oil and gas, tourism, and the blue economy. Our relationship must be anchored in shared prosperity and development.”

Particularly significant was her call for collaboration on cross-continental infrastructure, including the Lobito Corridor, which would link the Atlantic and Indian Oceans via the Benguela Railway and Tanzania’s TAZARA line. Such connectivity, she argued, would not only transform trade routes but symbolize Africa’s interdependence and forward momentum.

In response, President Lourenço expressed Angola’s readiness to elevate cooperation, particularly in priority areas such as trade, investment, energy, and infrastructure. He confirmed plans to reciprocate the visit and attend the Sabasaba Trade Fair in Tanzania in 2026, accompanied by a delegation of Angolan business leaders.

Diplomatic Trust and Institutional Commitments

Beyond speeches and symbolism, the visit was anchored in tangible institutional progress. At the Presidential Palace in Luanda, the two leaders witnessed the signing of two pivotal agreements:

A defense cooperation agreement between the Ministries of Defense of both nations—signed by Tanzania’s Minister Dr. Stergomena Tax and Angola’s Minister General João Ernesto dos Santos—aimed at enhancing military collaboration, training, and strategic coordination.

A memorandum of understanding between the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) and Angola’s Apex Agency, designed to facilitate investment promotion, joint ventures, and private sector engagement across borders.

“These agreements,” President Samia noted, “lay the groundwork for long-term cooperation that benefits not just our governments, but our people. This is diplomacy that delivers.”

President Lourenço concurred, affirming Angola’s commitment to implement the agreements with speed and seriousness.

Honoring the Past, Anchoring the Future

In a gesture steeped in historical reverence, President Samia paid tribute at the Memorial of António Agostinho Neto, Angola’s founding father. Laying a wreath at the tower commemorating Neto’s legacy, she honored the shared

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liberation heritage that binds Tanzania and Angola. Neto, a towering figure in African anti-colonial resistance, forged ties with Tanzanian founding President Julius Nyerere in the crucible of struggle—making this homage both personal and Pan-African.

During her guided visit to the memorial, President Samia was briefed on Neto's philosophy and nation-building legacy, reaffirming the ideological and historical common ground that remains a bedrock of Tanzania-Angola relations.

Facilitating Diplomatic Access and Mobility

To further strengthen ties, President Samia announced two concrete measures: Tanzania will allocate land in Dodoma for the establishment of an Angolan Embassy, reflecting Dodoma's emergence as a diplomatic capital; and Angolan nationals will now enjoy visa-free access to Tanzania for up to 90 days, a move expected to catalyze tourism and business travel.

A Renewed Pact for Pan-African Progress

The State Visit concluded not only with ceremonial warmth but with substantive outcomes, breathing new life into a bilateral relationship that holds strategic promise across East and Southern Africa. As both countries navigate the currents of globalization, climate resilience, digital transformation, and regional security, this visit marked a calibrated return to diplomatic intimacy—not just for Tanzania and Angola, but for the broader African integration project.

In President Samia's words, "This is not just a meeting of two nations—it is a reconnection of two legacies, and the beginning of a new chapter anchored in mutual respect, opportunity, and purpose."

Forging Ties, Shaping the Future: A Game Changer in Tanzania-Angola Relations

Reflection by H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania

As I conclude my State Visit to the Republic of Angola, I reflect with great appreciation on the warmth, vision, and renewed sense of purpose that marked every of my engagements. To me and my delegation, this visit has been far more than a diplomatic occasion. It was declaration of intent, boldly reaffirming our enduring friendship and solidarity, at the same time forward-looking and a commitment to elevate our bilateral relations to new heights. It marked a new chapter, in the book of history written by our founding Presidents—Mwalimu Julius Nyerere and Agostinho Neto— In every sense, a game changer aiming at invigorating our historical ties for economic cooperation.

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Standing before the Angolan Parliament, I shared a sentiment that captures not just personal emotion, but the essence of deep fraternal bond between our two nations: “Angola to us is like one of the many houses one can have. It does not matter how long you have not visited that house, but whenever you visit, the warmth and the nostalgia keep getting better.” That warmth was palpable, and it reminded us of all that while time may pass, the foundations of friendship endure.

On behalf of the Government and people of the United Republic of Tanzania, I wish to express my deep appreciation for the warm welcome extended to me by His Excellency President João Lourenço, the Government, and the people of Angola.

Tanzania and Angola are bound by a shared history, political affinities, and a profound sense of humanity. From the dark era of colonialism to the struggle for liberation, and the challenges faced as newly independent states, our peoples have always found common purpose. The selfless roles played by our leaders in liberating Africa form the moral compass upon which today’s cooperation is anchored.

We must never forget the significant role that Tanzania and the wider region played in supporting Angola’s liberation, nor Angola’s vital contribution to securing an independent, apartheid-free southern Africa. Ours is a shared

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legacy, driven by justice, Pan-Africanism, and a belief in the destiny of a united continent.

Today, the battles we fight are different. They are no longer about territorial occupation but about the occupation of our minds by poverty, inequality, and underdevelopment. We must explore our potential and resources with the same determination and unity that defined our liberation struggles. The spirit of Pan-Africanism and African Unity must now guide us in confronting modern challenges—climate change, food insecurity, unsustainable debt, and youth unemployment.

During my bilateral discussions with President Lourenço, we reaffirmed our shared commitment to economic transformation. We both acknowledged that while our political relationship is strong and historic, our economic cooperation must be revitalized to match it. We took stock of the untapped opportunities that exist in trade, energy, transport, agriculture, and mineral development.

Angola's strength in oil and gas, energy infrastructure, and resource development aligns well with Tanzania's growing economy, stable investment climate, and strategic location linking East, Central, and Southern Africa. We have agreed to foster closer cooperation in renewable energy, logistics, the blue economy, and regional trade—especially under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Beyond economic ties, we also recognized the importance of investing in people. We must empower our youth, who are brimming with talent, creativity, and ambition. Education, technology, skills development, and entrepreneurship must be prioritized. Encouragingly, both our countries are witnessing increasing gender parity, rising standards in health and education, and expanding infrastructure—important steps toward inclusive development.

People-to-people connections are equally vital. We must promote academic exchanges, tourism, professional collaboration, and cultural partnerships that foster familiarity and trust between our citizens. This is how we humanize diplomacy and ensure that cooperation moves beyond boardrooms into the daily lives of our people.

Tanzania and Angola also remain committed to regional peace, security, and unity under the Southern African Development Community (SADC). We will continue to support African solutions to African problems, while also engaging

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constructively with global partners for equitable and sustainable development. As I emphasized in my address to the Angolan Parliament, “We, the current generation, must transform this great history into a future of great promise. Together we must strive to build confident, secure, innovative, and dynamic people.”

In the words of Mwalimu Nyerere, “Unity will not make us rich, but it can make it difficult for Africa and the African peoples to be disregarded and humiliated.” That is the spirit that must now guide our efforts—one of dignity, determination, and mutual ambition.

Let this visit be remembered not only as a celebration of our shared history, but as the dawn of a new chapter—one defined by economic transformation, regional solidarity, and a deep belief in our collective capacity to shape the future, a game changer in our bilateral ties.

Together, we rise. Together, we shape Africa’s tomorrow



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President Samia's Visit to Mozambique Reaffirms the Spirit of Liberation and Pan-African Unity



By Amb. Mindi Kasiga, ndc

On the sunlit morning of June 25, as Mozambique marked 50 years of independence, the arrival of Tanzanian President H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan in Maputo transcended ceremony. It was more than a state visit; it was a homecoming to a shared revolutionary legacy, an affirmation of enduring solidarity between two nations bound by sacrifice, struggle, and Pan-African ideals.

Responding to the invitation of Mozambican President H.E. Daniel Chapo, President Samia joined the people of Mozambique in commemorating five decades since the country's hard-won liberation from Portuguese colonial rule. Her presence was both symbolic and strategic—honoring the past while charting a path for deeper cooperation in a rapidly transforming regional landscape.

The historic ties between Tanzania and Mozambique are written in the trenches of liberation history. Under the visionary leadership of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, Tanzania served as a political, military, and logistical backbone for Mozambique's independence movement. It was on Tanzanian soil that FRELIMO, Mozambique's liberation party, was trained, sheltered, and supported in its struggle against colonial oppression.

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From the hills of Nachingwea to the corridors of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania became a sanctuary of resistance, where revolutionary ideals were incubated and solidarity transformed into a practical commitment. In many ways, Mozambique's liberation is Tanzania's legacy too.

President Samia's participation in the Golden Jubilee thus served as a powerful reminder of this intertwined history—a continuation of a liberation pact now maturing into a diplomatic partnership.

During her remarks at the official Independence Day celebrations, President Samia evoked the spirit of Nyerere and Eduardo Mondlane and later on Samora Machel —architects of modern Pan-Africanism—whose visions converged on the belief that African freedom could not be partitioned by colonial borders.

"This land," she declared, "reminds us that African liberation was never the triumph of one nation over another—it was the triumph of unity, courage, and a shared dream. Tanzania did not support Mozambique out of charity, but out of duty to our common destiny."

Her message was one of gratitude, resolve, and forward-looking ambition. As Maputo celebrated its sovereignty, President Samia called for the renewal of Pan-African solidarity through economic integration, regional security cooperation, and cultural renaissance.

Her speech resonated deeply with the historical memory of Southern Africa's liberation era, reminding the assembled audience of the pivotal role Tanzania played in Mozambique's struggle for independence—hosting FRELIMO fighters, offering safe havens, logistical support, and committing national resources to the greater cause of African freedom.

"We were ready to delay our own development to ensure the dream of liberation for Mozambique and other Southern African nations was realized," President Samia affirmed, drawing resounding applause.

She paid tribute to the founding fathers of the two nations who not only fought colonialism but forged a fraternity that remains foundational to Tanzania-Mozambique relations to this day.

Strategic Engagement, Strengthening Connectivity and Regional Imperatives

While deeply rooted in historical memory, the visit also bore the markings of a strategic diplomatic mission. In a bilateral meeting with President Chapo, President Samia expressed Tanzania's readiness to deepen cooperation across key areas such as trade, agriculture, energy, infrastructure, maritime security, and regional logistics.

At the heart of their discussion was the shared vision of operationalizing the Indian Ocean Corridor—a cross-border economic initiative that seeks to connect

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the Mozambican coast with Tanzania's port infrastructure and the wider East African region. Tanzania's recent experience with the Dar es Salaam Maritime Gateway Programme was highlighted as a potential model for Mozambique's coastal development strategy.

She also expressed appreciation for Mozambique's support during Tanzania's own critical moments, especially during the Kagera War of 1978–1979, when Mozambique extended solidarity in the face of aggression from Idi Amin's regime.

As part of efforts to expand economic connectivity, President Samia announced that Air Tanzania (ATCL) will launch direct flights between Tanzania and Mozambique before the end of 2025. The move is expected to enhance people-to-people exchange, facilitate business and tourism, and unlock new opportunities for bilateral trade.

This initiative complements Tanzania's broader agenda of fostering deeper regional integration through air, land, and sea connectivity, in line with the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) framework.

Pan-Africanism Reimagined for a New Generation

In her address to thousands at Machava Stadium, President Samia commended Mozambique's achievements over the past five decades in education, health, and infrastructure, underscoring its resilience and commitment to inclusive growth. She reiterated that bilateral cooperation must now evolve to meet modern challenges—among them climate change, youth unemployment, and cross-border security threats.

In engagements with youth leaders, civil society, and liberation veterans, President Samia struck a resonant tone: that Pan-Africanism is not a relic of the past, but a mandate for the future.

She urged African nations to revisit the moral clarity of the liberation era and translate it into policy coherence on the global stage—whether in climate negotiations, trade diplomacy, or institutional reform at the United Nations.

“As our founding leaders broke colonial chains, we must now break structural injustices in global governance. Africa must not only speak with one voice—it must speak with a purpose,” she said.

Her remarks drew standing ovations from a diverse audience that included former FRELIMO commanders, regional diplomats, and representatives from SADC, the African Union, and the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP).

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Elevating the Gender Agenda

Aligning with the official theme of Mozambique's independence anniversary—"50 Years: Empowering Women, Building Gender Equality"—President Samia underscored the centrality of gender equity to national development and regional peace.

She paid special tribute to Josina Muthemba Machel and other women freedom fighters, describing their courage as "a legacy to be honored, not only in our history books but in the policies we craft today."

"Empowering women is not a courtesy—it is a revolutionary imperative," she noted, urging African nations to create enabling environments for women to lead across political, social, and economic domains.

Cultural Diplomacy and Reverence

Cultural diplomacy featured prominently during the visit. Earlier that morning, President Samia laid a wreath at the Mozambican Heroes' Memorial (Praça dos Heróis Moçambicanos) in Maputo, honoring those who gave their lives for freedom—including Tanzanians who stood in solidarity. It was a solemn and symbolic gesture that reaffirmed Tanzania's unwavering commitment to the ideals that shaped Africa's modern independence movement.

She also visited the Samora Machel Museum, where she reflected on the legacy of Mozambique's first president and the spirit of African leadership forged in resistance and humility.

In a symbolic gesture of renewed friendship, the Mozambican government announced the renaming of a major avenue in Maputo after Julius Nyerere, further anchoring Tanzania's legacy in the Mozambican national memory.

As the Tanzanian flag fluttered alongside Mozambique's on the 50th anniversary of independence, it carried a message far deeper than diplomacy. It echoed the bond between two peoples who not only shared trenches, but now share dreams of continental renewal—dreams shaped by history but driven by a vision for inclusive growth, democratic governance, and panAfricanism.

In President Samia's words:

"Our ancestors walked together for freedom. Let us now walk together for dignity, development, and destiny."

Following the celebrations, President Samia departed Maputo for Dar es Salaam, concluding a deeply symbolic and forward-looking diplomatic engagement.

This visit, rich in history, filled with possibility, was not merely about remembering the past—it was about recommitting to Africa's unfinished project of liberation through unity, progress, and peace.

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Mozambique President Daniel Chapo Undertakes Landmark Visit to Tanzania

By Sheiba Bulu

Mozambican President Daniel Francisco Chapo undertook his first official state visit since assuming office in January 2025, selecting Tanzania as his inaugural destination—a decision steeped in both symbolic resonance and strategic foresight. The three-day visit, conducted from May 7 to 9 at the invitation of Tanzanian President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, marked a defining moment in the modern trajectory of relations between the two neighboring states. Accompanied by First Lady Dra. Isaura Chapo and a high-level delegation including key ministers and provincial governors from Cabo Delgado and Niassa, President Chapo’s mission went beyond diplomatic formality. It charted a forward-looking agenda anchored in mutual security, economic integration, cultural exchange, and regional leadership.

Upon arrival at Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam, President Chapo and the First Lady were received by Tanzania’s Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, alongside other senior government officials. A formal welcome ceremony at State House

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followed on May 8, where President Hassan received her counterpart with full honors, including a ceremonial artillery salute, a review of the honor guard, and the signing of the official guest book. These gestures set the tone for a visit widely viewed as a diplomatic recalibration of longstanding ties.

At the heart of the engagement were high-level bilateral discussions between the two heads of state. In both private consultations and official talks, Presidents Hassan and Chapo reaffirmed the historic solidarity between their nations while laying the groundwork for a structured and outcomes-oriented partnership. The leaders presided over the signing of two bilateral agreements and four memoranda of understanding (MoUs), covering cooperation in sectors such as education, broadcasting, maritime governance, pharmaceuticals regulation, and the extradition of prisoners. Crucially, they announced the formation of a Joint Economic Commission—an institutional mechanism tasked with coordinating implementation of agreed initiatives and fostering deeper economic ties.

Security cooperation dominated much of the dialogue, particularly in light of ongoing instability in northern Mozambique's Cabo Delgado province. The region, home to significant natural gas reserves, has been the epicenter of violent extremism since 2017. Tanzania, sharing a long and vulnerable border with the affected zone, has played an important role in supporting Mozambique's counter-insurgency operations. The two leaders pledged to intensify intelligence sharing, enhance cross-border security coordination, and expand joint operations to counter terrorism, safeguard energy infrastructure, and maintain regional peace within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) framework.

On the economic front, the two governments expressed a shared determination to remove logistical bottlenecks and improve trade facilitation. They outlined plans to operationalize one-stop border posts at Negomano and Mtambaswala, link Mozambique's northern road network with Tanzania's Unity Bridge, and integrate regional transport corridors through Tanzania's Standard Gauge Railway (SGR). President Chapo visited the SGR terminal in Dar es Salaam during his stay, toured its facilities, and took a short journey to Pugu to observe firsthand the functionality of Tanzania's modern rail infrastructure. These linkages, when fully realized, are expected to boost cross-border commerce and unlock the full economic potential of the Mtwara Development Corridor.

The visit also addressed social and humanitarian dimensions of cooperation. President Chapo announced a new registration initiative for Mozambican nationals living in Tanzania—many of whom reside in border regions or are descendants of freedom fighters. The program will grant legal status and

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documentation, improving access to education, healthcare, and employment opportunities. This initiative was widely welcomed by the diaspora and praised by President Hassan as a model for people-centered diplomacy.

Cultural diplomacy and subnational cooperation featured prominently in the Zanzibar leg of the visit, where President Chapo met with the President of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi. Discussions focused on the blue economy, fisheries, marine resources, tourism, and language exchange programs. Zanzibar pledged to send Swahili teachers to Mozambique and receive Portuguese instructors in return, further cementing cultural bonds and facilitating greater people-to-people exchange. The two sides also expressed interest in joint investment in oil and gas development, given Mozambique's two-decade experience in the sector and Zanzibar's emerging offshore economy.

While in Zanzibar, President Chapo visited the Marine Fisheries Authority at Fumba, underscoring the importance of institutional partnerships in managing coastal and marine resources. He emphasized Mozambique's readiness to cooperate with Tanzania and Zanzibar on capacity building, technical training, and knowledge exchange in the fisheries sector—an area of both livelihood and strategic value to both nations.

The historic dimension of the visit was poignantly reflected in President Chapo's tour of the Dar es Salaam Liberation Heritage Centre, where he paid tribute to



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Tanzania's role in Africa's liberation movements. The center, once a hub for the Organization of African Unity (OAU), served as a reminder of the ideological and revolutionary roots that bind the two nations. For Chapo, who hails from a generation born after Mozambique's independence, the visit was both a diplomatic milestone and a personal homage to the legacy of Tanzanian solidarity.

President Chapo's decision to begin his foreign policy engagement in Tanzania was deliberate and emblematic. Tanzania was not only a rear base for FRELIMO during the anti-colonial struggle but also remains one of Mozambique's most consistent partners in regional diplomacy. As both countries navigate a shifting global order, their bilateral relationship offers a template for African states seeking to balance historical loyalties with contemporary imperatives.

Mozambique, poised to become a continental energy powerhouse, is in search of reliable partnerships to unlock investment and secure its development gains. Tanzania, for its part, is positioning itself as a regional trade and logistics hub in the Western Indian Ocean. Their converging strategic interests in energy, transport, security, and human development make the bilateral relationship indispensable to broader regional integration.

As the visit concluded, both sides emphasized the urgency of implementation. Agreements and declarations must now be translated into tangible results—joint infrastructure projects, increased trade volumes, enhanced border security, and greater cultural cooperation. If momentum is sustained, this visit will be remembered not only as a reaffirmation of historic ties but as the launchpad for a new chapter in Tanzania–Mozambique relations—one defined by mutual respect, strategic depth, and shared prosperity.

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First Lady of Mozambique Commends Specialised Services at Muhimbili National Hospital

By Tatu Lugusa

The First Lady of the Republic of Mozambique, H. E Gueta Selemene Chapo, has expressed her admiration for the high-quality specialised medical services provided at Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH).

Her remarks came during an official visit to MNH and the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) in Dar es Salaam, where she was briefed on the advanced healthcare services offered and witnessed firsthand the hospital's commitment to excellence in patient care and commended the hospital for its high standards in specialised medical services and its effective use of modern technology in healthcare delivery.

While touring the maternity ward, Madam Chapo interacted with mothers who had recently delivered and presented them with gifts. She emphasised

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the importance of quality maternal and child healthcare, describing it as a fundamental pillar of societal development.

At the IVF Unit, Madam Chapo received a comprehensive briefing on the services offered to both women and men experiencing fertility challenges, which utilise advanced reproductive technologies. She expressed her admiration for the programme's success and emphasised the importance of strengthening similar services in Mozambique.

At the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute, Her Excellency was briefed on the specialised surgical and medical treatment services for heart conditions in both children and adults. She observed the work of specialist doctors and lauded the excellence of the services provided, acknowledging the critical role of international cooperation in strengthening these services.

In her discussions with the hospital management, Madam Chapo expressed her appreciation for the quality of care and the advanced technologies in use at both MNH and JKCI. She emphasised that the experience gained from the visit would contribute to fostering deeper cooperation between Mozambique and Tanzania, particularly in areas of cardiac care, reproductive health, and specialised medical services.



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State Visit of The President of Finland to Tanzania



Finland's President Stubb Bolsters Tanzania's Economic Horizons: A State Visit Paving Pathways for Trade, Innovation, and Sustainable Growth

By Sheiba Bulu and Amb. Mindi Kasiga, ndc

In the refined halls of Tanzania's State House in Dar es Salaam—the country's dynamic business center—where gentle winds from the Indian Ocean evoke memories of long-established partnerships, the three-day official trip by Finland's President Alexander Stubb in May represented a key turning point in two-way connections that may transform East Africa's links with Scandinavian capabilities. Welcomed by his Tanzanian host, President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, Stubb's landing on May 14, 2025, extended beyond formalities; it served as a deliberate alignment intended to turn six decades of positive diplomatic relations into practical financial gains for Tanzania, a country situated at the heart of Africa's expanding economies.

Viewed through Tanzania's eyes, the trip—President Stubb's debut in sub-Saharan Africa following his inauguration in March 2024—demonstrated a fresh

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pledge to varied collaborations within a landscape of multiple global influences. With worldwide distribution systems breaking down and environmental priorities escalating, Helsinki's priority on eco-conscious innovations, progress that embraces all genders, and stability efforts aligns closely with Tanzania's national goals. Two-way commerce, lingering near €100 million yearly before the event, is positioned for growth via specific funding in woodland oversight, electronic advancements, and initiatives for female-led businesses—areas in which Finland's strengths could accelerate Tanzania's objective of attaining upper middle-income level by 2050.

The program, thoughtfully designed to merge elite-level discussions with on-the-ground effects, emphasized Tanzania's longstanding story of autonomy alongside its present focus on comprehensive expansion. After arriving at Julius Nyerere International Airport, President Stubb and his spouse, Suzanne Innes-Stubb, received a reception from Tanzania's Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo—an action that stressed the event's priority on regional as well as international cooperation.

Joined by a team of Finnish commerce heads and representatives, President Stubb advanced to the State House for direct conversations with President Samia, addressing subjects such as easing trade barriers, building resistance to climate shifts, sharing technical know-how, updates to schooling systems, and ocean-related sectors—making use of Tanzania's extensive shoreline for enduring sea-based operations. Significantly, these discussions expanded upon earlier interactions, with Minister Kombo's working visit to Finland where he was also welcomed at President Stubb's residence where the two discussed past insights into the ongoing bond between the two nations.

At the subsequent combined media briefing, the pair of leaders outlined a joint outlook on global teamwork amid evolving political conditions. President Samia, consistently practical, stressed Africa's central place in United Nations updates, calling for increased inclusion in the Security Council to strengthen contributions from developing regions. President Stubb, referencing Finland's background of neutrality, confirmed Helsinki's endorsement of these steps, observing that “an improved United Nations is crucial for tackling disputes and disparities impacting everyone.” Within negotiation arenas, this exchange proved beneficial: It established Tanzania as a vital connector linking European and African outlooks, which could lead to additional European Union support for construction efforts like the Standard Gauge Railway.

A standout moment from the initial day involved the formalization of a cooperation agreement between Tanzania's Salim Ahmed Salim Centre for Global Affairs and Finland's Martti Ahtisaari Peace Organization. Honoring two

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major figures in international relations—Salim, previously Tanzania’s Foreign Minister and head of the Organization of African Unity, and Ahtisaari, Finland’s former leader who earned the Nobel Peace Prize—the deal encourages shared investigations and preparation in dispute resolution. This arrangement, observed by the two leaders, goes beyond gestures; it supplies Tanzanian facilitators of international relations with Finnish techniques, bolstering Tanzania’s role in area stability initiatives, including those in the Great Lakes zone.

The night concluded with an official dinner arranged by President Samia, featuring speeches that honored the connections established since 1965, when Finland ranked among the initial Western countries to accept Tanzania’s sovereignty. Amid Tanzanian specialties and salmon prepared in Finnish fashion, dialogues apparently included private recollections, bolstering the interpersonal aspect of international relations that holds great importance for Tanzanians.

The following day turned toward academic and financial activities. President Stubb presented a primary address at the Martti Ahtisaari Heritage Workshop, conducted at the Julius Nyerere International Conference Centre in Dar es Salaam. Coordinated by the CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Organization, the gathering brought together stability advocates, specialists, and community organization figures to contemplate Ahtisaari’s period as Finland’s envoy to Tanzania in the 1970s and his international resolution accomplishments. President Stubb acknowledged Ahtisaari’s contributions to Namibia’s sovereignty and Aceh’s stability pact, noting similarities to Tanzania’s background as a sanctuary for freedom efforts. For those from Tanzania in attendance, the workshop confirmed their country’s tradition in fostering harmony, which might draw further worldwide gatherings to Dar es Salaam, the country’s commercial hub.

That day’s later session featured the Tanzania–Finland Commerce and Funding Gathering, jointly arranged by Business Finland and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), forming the visit’s financial core. More than 200 individuals from Finnish enterprises in medical services, information systems, and alternative power fields interacted with Tanzanian equals, examining combined efforts. President Stubb noted East Africa’s advantage in young demographics—with younger people forming 70% of Tanzania’s 65 million inhabitants—and its prime spot along the Indian Ocean, prompting Finnish backers to pursue prospects in electronic healthcare and renewable sources. Tanzanian authorities, such as representatives from the Tanzania Investment Centre, promoted advantages like reduced taxes in designated business areas, with the goal of increasing overseas direct funding arrivals, which totaled \$1.2 billion in 2024 yet fall short of possibilities.

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Through Tanzania's viewpoint, the gathering served as a spark for moving beyond standard exports such as precious metals to industries of elevated importance. Finnish organizations, including specialists in remote medical consultations and sunlight-based systems, indicated enthusiasm for initial undertakings, which could generate extensive employment and convey expertise to domestic workers.

The closing day prioritized enduring progress, corresponding with Tanzania's Vision 2050 framework. President Stubb and Tanzania's Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr. Pindi Chana, introduced the Woodland, Terrain Management, and Distribution Networks Advancement in Tanzania (FORLAND) effort at the Dar es Salaam Botanical Gardens. Sustained by a €20 million Finnish allocation spanning four years (2025–2029), FORLAND advances widespread woodland protection, eco-conscious farming, and local enhancement in locations such as the Southern Elevated Areas. President Stubb's ceremonial sapling placement highlighted the effort's conservation principles, confronting Tanzania's forest reduction while improving carbon allocations within international environmental frameworks.

Afterward, President Stubb escorted by Foreign Minister Kombo, toured the Machinga Site, a facility for female advancement directed by UN Women and backed by Finland via the Women's Direction and Financial Entitlements (WLER) initiative. Begun in 2022 with €9 million from Finnish resources, WLER aids more than 600 women operating small ventures through guidance in monetary oversight, guidance roles, and access to buyers. Interacting with those assisted, President Stubb termed it a "notable demonstration of collaborative efforts among various groups," commending its merging of gender fairness with financial entitlements. Tanzania's Minister for Gender, Women and Children Hon. Dorothy Gwajima, supported this view, pointing out how the initiative allows women to provide schooling for their children and obtain medical care, adding to the country's overall production.

President Samia's departure ceremony at the State House on May 16 ended the visit positively, with each side optimistic about strengthened connections. For Tanzania, the achievements—novel cooperation deals, funding opportunities, and initiative introductions—indicate faster movement toward Vision 2050 objectives. In international relations, it heightens Tanzania's standing; in commerce, it may increase two-way exchanges twofold by 2030; in advancement, it bolsters underserved populations like those at the Machinga Complex Site.

While international entities compete for ties in Africa, Finland's modest, principle-oriented strategy presents Tanzania with a pattern of balanced partnership. Amid evolving global groupings, this state visit illustrates that authentic international relations deliver not merely accords, but joint advancement.

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Namibian President Made a Historic Visit to Tanzania



By Rosemary Malale

The President of the Republic of Namibia, H.E. Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, made a historic visit to Tanzania in May 2025 at the invitation of the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan.

This visit is considered historic due to the longstanding bilateral relations existing between the two countries, built on a strong historical foundation dating back to the period of liberation struggle, led by the founding fathers of the two nations, the late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere and the late Sam Nujoma, who were united by their shared socialist principles.

Again, this visit is also regarded as historic because it brought together two sitting female presidents in Africa who have great vision for leading their nations towards achieving development goals in the social, political, and economic spheres.

During the visit, H.E. President Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, who was elected as the fifth and first female president of the Republic of Namibia in November 2024, landed at the Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam on

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20th May 2025 and was received by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Amb. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo.

On the same day, H.E. President Dr. Nandi-Ndaitwah was officially received by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, at the State House in Dar es Salaam, where the two leaders engaged in fruitful discussions regarding strengthening bilateral relations between the two nations.

Speaking at a joint press conference that was convened after their official talks, the two heads of state reaffirmed their commitments to enhancing economic cooperation in strategic areas including trade and investment, energy, education, agriculture, livestock, the environment, the blue economy, and tourism.

Both presidents emphasised the importance of African-led solutions to African challenges. They pledged to support each other in regional and international forums and called on African nations to champion intra-African trade and continental integration under the African Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Earlier in her remarks, H.E. President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan stated that bilateral trade between Tanzania and Namibia has grown modestly from TZS 17 billion in



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2019 to TZS 20 billion in 2023. However, she noted that this level of trade remains relatively low compared to the opportunities available, and she encouraged business communities in both countries to intensify their engagement.

She also extended an invitation to Namibian companies to invest in value-added sectors, including livestock processing, fisheries development, and tourism.

Highlighting cultural diplomacy between Tanzania and Namibia, President Dr. Samia revealed plans for the Open University of Tanzania (OUT) to partner with Triumphant College in Namibia to teach Kiswahili, aiming to foster cultural ties, mutual understanding, and social cohesion between the two nations. "Our shared heritage and people-to-people relations will be further strengthened through language and cultural programs," she said.

H.E. President Dr. Samia assured her Namibian counterpart that Tanzania remains a reliable partner and trusted advisor as Namibia advances under her leadership. She emphasised that the longstanding friendship between the two nations is deeply rooted in history and will continue to flourish for the benefit of future generations.

In her remarks, H.E. President Dr. Nandi-Ndaitwah expressed her appreciation for the warm reception and reaffirmed Namibia's commitment to strengthening bilateral relations. She announced that Namibia will soon dispatch ministers of trade and industry to Tanzania to learn from Tanzania's development programs and foster deeper economic collaboration.



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She also spoke on the importance of both nations focusing on creating employment for youth through agribusiness and investing in strengthening the value chain in the mining sector, while commending Tanzania's youth-focused agricultural initiative, Building a Better Tomorrow for Youth through Agriculture, stating it offers a model Namibia could adopt to combat youth unemployment and food insecurity.

The two leaders also reached a consensus on the need to promote a diversified energy sector, with emphasis on renewable energy and natural gas, to ensure a reliable and sustainable energy supply for industrial and community development across the Southern African region.

Apart from the meeting with President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, H.E. Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah visited the African Liberation Heritage Centre in Dar es Salaam and delivered a historic public lecture on women's leadership and the future of African governance at the University of Dar es Salaam.

President Dr. Nandi-Ndaitwah's two-day state visit marked a new chapter in Tanzania-Namibia relations, blending historical solidarity with renewed economic and cultural cooperation. Both countries committed to transforming their enduring diplomatic ties into tangible benefits for their people through strategic investments, educational collaboration, and regional development.



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From Legacy to Leadership: A Daughter of Tanzania Reflects on President Ndaitwah's Defining Voice

By Amb. Mindi Kasiga, ndc

On May 21st, 2025, in the grand auditorium of the University of Dar es Salaam, history was not merely remembered—it was relived. Her Excellency Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, President of the Republic of Namibia, addressed a vibrant audience of students, scholars, diplomats, and leaders with a lecture titled, "Inspiring Women to Break the Barriers in Leadership Positions." Her presence on Tanzanian soil, and her words spoken with both grace and conviction, reverberated across generations. She stood not just as a Head of State but as a symbol of resilience, vision, and transformative leadership.

As I sat quietly among students and seasoned diplomats, I was not simply an ambassador attending a formal event. I was a daughter of a liberation generation, bearing witness to a homecoming—of memory, of spirit, and of shared struggle.

When she rose to speak, President Ndaitwah filled the room with humility and power. Her voice, steady and unyielding, delivered a speech that was deeply

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personal and politically resonant. I was overcome with a sense of profound continuity. For me, this was not only the lecture of a visiting president—it was the return of “Mama SWAPO,” a comrade, a sister in the liberation struggle, and a leader shaped by Tanzania’s historic solidarity.

President Ndaitwah’s story is widely known, but for me, it is deeply personal. As a young girl, I remember seeing her among students trained by my late father, Dr. John Peter Kasiga. My father was among the Tanzanians strategically deployed to support liberation movements in Southern Africa. A trained medical doctor with basic military skills, he served the Organization of African Unity (OAU) Liberation Committee both in the field and at its Dar es Salaam headquarters. I remember the faces of SWAPO cadres visiting his workplace on Garden Avenue—now home to the African Union’s Centre for African Liberation Heritage. In our family photo albums, I still see a young Nandi Netumbo—disciplined, determined, and radiant—standing proudly beside those she helped prepare for freedom.

President Ndaitwah lived and worked in Tanzania for seven years during Namibia’s fight for independence, leading SWAPO’s operations in exile. These personal and political intersections are not incidental. They are threads in the fabric of Pan-African solidarity—a fabric Tanzania helped weave and continues to preserve through sturdy leadership of H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan, current President of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Her lecture was far more than ceremonial. It was a masterclass in perseverance, political purpose, and grounded humility. She reminded us that the struggle for women’s empowerment has deep historical roots—stretching from battles for voting rights and property ownership to access to education, wealth creation, and political representation. Her keynote message to women, particularly young women, was unequivocal: Focus on your goals, and do not let anyone—even those closest to you—distract you from your path.

That clarity struck a deep chord. In today’s noisy world—where social media distortion, political gatekeeping, and internalized doubt are daily realities—her words carried the weight of a commandment. Leadership, she reminded us, is not about titles. It’s about stamina, character, and the refusal to be defined by fear or expectation.

What moved me most was her courage in peeling back the layers of history. She did not romanticize the past; she exposed it. From being denied the right to name her home country while studying abroad, to facing arrest for her activism, to leading youth movements in exile—her journey is not one of privilege but of

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persistence. Her story is a living testament that liberation is earned, forged in courage, discipline, and community.

She reminded us that leadership is not only about the political sphere—it is also about changing the everyday realities of women. From repealing patriarchal laws to reforming state policies on healthcare and family benefits, she has worked to institutionalize gender equity. Her decision to challenge her government’s policy that excluded the husbands of female cabinet ministers from receiving medical benefits was revolutionary. “I am the breadwinner in my household,” she told her colleagues. That statement was not just a correction of bureaucracy—it was a female leadership recalibration of how power should work.

Her tribute to President Samia Suluhu Hassan was more than diplomatic courtesy. It was a recognition of generational progress—of two women who rose through male-dominated systems, not through privilege, but through excellence and resolve. Their friendship and mutual respect signal a new era in African leadership—one that is community-driven, competent, and principled.

As a Tanzanian diplomat and a woman leading a team of professional communicators, I found the lecture both professionally energizing and personally transformative. I listened intently when she said, “Not all obstacles will come from men. They will come from society.” This is the truth we live with. Her resolve in the face of opposition—media distortion, political infighting, social bias—was not just inspirational. It was instructional.

One statement she made stayed with me: “Not everyone will be president, but everyone has a destiny.” Her story made it clear that destiny is not stumbled upon. It is shaped—through clarity of vision, inner strength, and refusal to be defined by limitations.

As I reflected on the afternoon’s events, I thought of my father, Dr. Kasiga, and his quiet but profound contribution to the liberation struggle of Southern Africa. His story—like so many others—is not often told. But it is through leaders like President Ndaitwah that his legacy is honored. And it is now my responsibility—and that of my generation—to ensure those stories continue to inspire action.

As a daughter of Pan-Africanists, I can say with conviction that in President Ndaitwah, I saw more than a president. I saw a pathfinder. Her journey from exile to executive office is not just a personal triumph—it is a continental promise. It affirms that when women lead with focus, and when supported by institutions that uphold equity, they do not merely rise. They lift nations with them.

And that, in the truest sense, is what African leadership should be.

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Burundi President Visits Tanzania, Joins President Samia to Inaugurate Fertiliser Plant in Dodoma



By Sheiba Bulu and Rosemary Malale

The President of the Republic of Burundi, H. E. Evariste Ndayishimiye, visited Tanzania in June for a working visit and joined his host, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H. E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, for the official inauguration of the Itra-Com Fertiliser Factory in the Nala area, in the capital, Dodoma.

Accompanied by the First Lady of Burundi, Mama Angeline Ndayishimiye, and a delegation of senior government officials from Burundi, H.E. President Ndayishimiye was received by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, along with other senior government officials at Dodoma Airport.

In their remarks during the inauguration, both heads of state emphasised the importance of promoting intraregional investment within the East African Community and described the project as a key pillar in advancing regional economic growth, job creation, and overall prosperity.

Speaking during the inauguration event, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, urged Tanzanians to take advantage of locally produced, affordable fertiliser to boost agricultural productivity. She underscored that investing in fertiliser manufacturing industries is a key strategy

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in addressing fertiliser accessibility challenges and enhancing agricultural productivity.

She emphasised that domestic fertiliser production is key to reducing reliance on imports, which account for 90% of Africa's fertiliser use, and to improving food security. The plant, owned by a Burundian investor, has a production capacity of one million tonnes annually and has already created 1,500 jobs.

H.E. President Dr. Samia also highlighted government efforts through a fertiliser subsidy program and called on ITRACOM to improve distribution to rural farmers and collaborate with research institutions for better fertiliser use.

Speaking at the inauguration event, the President of the Republic of Burundi, H. E. Évariste Ndayishimiye, praised the strong Tanzania-Burundi relations and lauded the investment as a symbol of regional unity and economic cooperation.

Delivering part of his speech in Kiswahili, H.E. President Ndayishimiye remarked that the fertiliser plant represents a new bridge of cooperation between Burundi and Tanzania. He noted, with pride, that Burundians are now coming to Tanzania as investors, a significant shift from the past when many came as refugees. He noted the shift from Burundians coming as refugees to becoming investors and stressed that local production will lower costs, improve access, and support food security across Africa.

H.E. President Ndayishimiye's visit was a strong demonstration of the deepening bilateral relationship between Burundi and Tanzania, and the inauguration of the Itra-Com Fertiliser Factory stands as a symbol of new opportunities for private sector collaboration and regional integration.

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Dr. Mpango Joins World Leaders at the Funeral of Pope Francis

By Teodos Komba



The Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Hon. Dr. Philip Isdori Mpango, Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, joined global leaders, faith representatives, and dignitaries from around the world at the State Funeral of His Holiness Pope Francis, held on April 26, 2025, at St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City.

H.E. Dr. Mpango represented President Samia Suluhu Hassan and the people of Tanzania in expressing deep condolences and solidarity with the Vatican and the global Catholic community.

Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo was a key member of the delegation and joined Dr. Mpango in honouring the life and legacy of Pope Francis, who passed away on April 3, 2025, at the age of 88. Known for his humility, progressive vision, and unwavering voice for the poor, Pope Francis has served as the 266th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church since 2013.

During the ceremony, H.E. Dr. Mpango paid tribute to the Pope's legacy of interfaith dialogue, environmental stewardship, and defence of the marginalised values that closely align with Tanzania's own principles of peace, solidarity, and development.

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“Tanzania mourns with the rest of the world and celebrates a life dedicated to peace, humanity, and dignity.” said Vice President Hon. Dr. Mpango during a brief address to international media

The Tanzanian delegation held a series of engagements with other international representatives and Vatican officials, reinforcing the country’s commitment to spiritual diplomacy, global cooperation, and social harmony.

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first pontiff from Latin America and the first Jesuit pope. His papacy was characterised by a deep focus on humility, simplicity, and service to others—values embraced and respected across religious and political lines.

As the Tanzanian flag flew among many others at the Vatican, the presence of Hon. Dr. Mpango and Minister Kombo underscored Tanzania’s strong ties with the Holy See and its enduring role on the global stage in advocating for peace, justice, and shared humanity.

H.E. Dr. Philip Mpango and Hon. Minister Amb. Kombo were accompanied by Tanzania’s Ambassador to the Vatican, based in Germany, H.E. Amb. Hassan Mwamweta; Director of the Department of Europe and America (DEA), Amb. Swahiba Mndeme, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation; and other senior government officials.



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Minister Kombo Bids Farewell to Outgoing Angolan Ambassador



By Ally Kondo

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo (MP) held a farewell meeting with the outgoing Ambassador of the Republic of Angola, H.E. Sandro De Oliveira, in Dar es Salaam.

The two dignitaries engaged in discussions on strengthening bilateral cooperation in various sectors, including oil and gas, mining, the blue economy, railway transport, and the Lobito Corridor.

Hon. Minister Kombo commended Ambassador De Oliveira for his

dedication and commitment to enhancing the relations between Tanzania and Angola and wished him success in his future endeavours.

During the meeting, Ambassador De Oliveira expressed his sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania in general for the unwavering support extended to him throughout his tenure, which enabled him to effectively carry out his diplomatic duties.

TANZANIA – UNITED KINGDOM COLLABORATION



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Amb. Shelukindo meets UK High Commissioner



By Reginald Kisaka

Permanent Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Dr Samwel Shelukindo, met with the British High Commissioner to Tanzania, H.E. Marianne Young, at the Ministry Sub Office in Dar es Salaam.

The two discussed the ongoing cooperation between Tanzania and the United Kingdom in the health sector.

High Commissioner Young underscored the importance of finalising the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which would

facilitate collaborative research on various diseases, particularly in the Dar es Salaam and Mwanza regions.

Both leaders emphasised the importance of continued mutual support on international platforms, including backing each other's candidates for positions in international institutions.

During their meeting, H.E. Young announced that the British High Commission will hold a celebration to mark the establishment of a new diplomatic office in the capital, Dodoma, in the near future.

TANZANIA – OMAN COLLABORATION



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Minister Kombo Presents Land Title Deed to the Embassy of Oman



By Koleta Njelekela

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, has officially handed over a land title deed to the Ambassador of Oman to Tanzania, H.E. Saudi Al Hilal Shidhani, for the construction of a Oman Cultural Centre in Dodoma.

Speaking during a handover ceremony held on June 2025, at the Ministry's Sub Offices in Dar es Salaam, Hon. Minister Kombo expressed gratitude to the government of Oman for its decision to establish the Oman Cultural Centre and described the initiative as a reflection of the strengthening of historical, cultural, and diplomatic ties between Tanzania and Oman.

He said the centre will serve as a hub for preserving and promoting culture and a destination for scholars, researchers, and students around the

world and it will boosting tourism revenue and contribute to the economic development of Dodoma and the nation as a whole.

On his part, the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman, H.E. Saudi Al Hilal Shidhani, thanked the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, for allocating the land. He added that the cultural centre is expected to further enhance the long-standing cultural cooperation between Tanzania and Oman, built upon deep-rooted social and economic ties.

The event was attended by the Regional Commissioner of Dodoma, Hon. Rosemary Senyamule, as well as senior officials from the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East Africa Cooperation

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Amb. Mussa Signs Condolences Book at the Vietnam Embassy

By Raymond Kasoga

The Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Said Shaib Mussa, signed the Book of Condolence at the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in Dar es Salaam on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, following the passing of former Vietnamese President, H.E. Trần Đức Lưỡng.

H.E. Trần Đức Lưỡng, who previously served as President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, passed away on May 20, 2025, at the age of 88.

Ambassador Mussa extended heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and expressed sincere solidarity with the Government and people of Vietnam during the period of national mourning.



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Minister Kombo Joins the People of Vietnam in Celebrating National Day



By Teodos Kombo

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, participated as a Guest of Honour in the celebrations marking the 50th Anniversary of the National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, held on 30th April 2025 in Ho Chi Minh City following formal invitation extended by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam, H.E. Bui Thanh Son.

The commemorative event, which was marked with great national pride and historical reflection, brought together senior leaders of the Vietnamese Government, members of the

diplomatic corps, and distinguished international guests.

Tanzania was honoured to be among only three African nations—alongside Angola and Mozambique—invited to participate in this significant milestone, underscoring the long-standing bonds of solidarity and friendship with Vietnam.

In his keynote address, the President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, H.E. General Luong Cuong, paid tribute to the country's founding heroes and martyrs, whose sacrifices laid the foundation for Vietnam's peace, unity, and development over the past five decades.

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He reflected on the historical significance of the victory of 30th April 1975, and highlighted the progress Vietnam has made in national cohesion, economic growth, and international engagement. He also reaffirmed Vietnam's continued commitment to the principles of socialism and national self-determination.

On the margins of the celebrations, Hon. Minister Kombo held productive bilateral talks with the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, H.E. Pham Minh Chinh. The two leaders discussed areas of mutual interest and explored avenues for enhancing cooperation between Tanzania and Vietnam in key sectors, including trade

and investment, industry, agriculture, the blue economy, tourism, education, and capacity building.

The discussions underscored both countries' shared aspiration to deepen strategic partnerships for inclusive growth and sustainable development.

Minister Kombo undertook an official working visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam from 17th to 30th April 2025, during which he reaffirmed Tanzania's appreciation for the historic and enduring relations between the two nations and conveyed the greetings and best wishes of the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan.



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Tanzania and Vietnam Accelerate New Collaborative Initiatives



By Teodos Komba

The United Republic of Tanzania and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam have agreed to expand into new areas of economic and social cooperation as part of efforts to promote socio-economic development for both nations.

The agreement was reached during discussions held on April 28, 2025, in Hanoi between the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Amb. Mahmoud Thabit Komba (MP), and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam, Hon. Bui Thanh Son.

Their discussions covered several critical issues, including the identification of new priority areas



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of cooperation between the two countries. These areas include the establishment of agro-processing industries, particularly for cashew nuts, fruits and vegetables, as well as information and communication technology, trade and investment, strengthening private sector collaboration, defence and security, critical minerals and education and training.

For his part, Minister Kombo underscored the importance of investing in the agriculture sector, citing post-harvest losses and the limited availability of processing industries and skilled labour as major challenges. He called on the government of Vietnam to encourage its investors to explore opportunities and invest in this area.

“Agriculture has remained the backbone of Tanzania’s economy for decades. We recognise that Vietnam has made significant progress in enhancing agricultural productivity through technology and modern practices. We believe that collaboration in this area through investment and training will greatly support our efforts to strengthen food security and improve farmers’ incomes.” said Minister Kombo.

Vietnam has also prioritised and shown interest in investing in the

development of small and medium-sized industries, with a focus on adding value to crops such as cotton, cashew nuts, and coffee initiatives that are expected to generate employment opportunities for youth.

For his part, Vietnam’s Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Bui Thanh Son, expressed that Vietnam considers Tanzania a unique and strategic partner in Africa. He affirmed Vietnam’s readiness to expand cooperation across all economic sectors presented, aiming for the mutual benefit of both nations.

Vietnam is among the fastest-growing economies in Asia. For instance, in the first quarter of 2025, it recorded a GDP growth rate of 6.93%, the highest first-quarter growth since 2020, which was driven by increased industrial production, agricultural development, rising domestic consumption and tourism, and total exports and imports reaching USD 202.52 billion, marking a 13.7% increase compared to the same period in 2023/24. Exports grew by 10.6% while imports rose by 17.0%.

The United Republic of Tanzania and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: this year marks 60 years of diplomatic relations, which began on February 14, 1964.

TANZANIA – COMORO COLLABORATION



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Minister Kombo Receives Special Message from the President of Comoros on Behalf of President Samia



By Koleta Njelakela

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo (MP), has received a special message from the President of the Union of the Comoros, H.E. Azali Assoumani, delivered on behalf of President Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania.

The message was formally presented by the Secretary to the President and Minister of Defence of the Comoros, H.E. Youssoufa Mohamed Ali, during a courtesy call at the ministry's offices in Dar es Salaam.

In his remarks following the presentation, Minister Kombo extended his appreciation to H.E. Mohamed Ali for conveying the important message and assured that the message would be promptly delivered to H.E. President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

"I sincerely thank you, Honourable Youssoufa Mohamed Ali, for conveying this important message to our president. I would also like to convey that H.E. President Samia has expressed her delight at Comoros' decision to select Tanzania as a partner in the upcoming 50th Independence Anniversary celebrations of the Union of the Comoros, to be held in Moroni on 6th July 2025," said Hon. Kombo.

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Deputy Minister Chumi Receives Letters of Credence from Aga Khan Representative



By Koleta Njelekela

The Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. David Cosato Chumi (MP), has received Letters of Credence from the newly Resident Representative of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), Mr Amin Mawji.

Hon. Chumi congratulated Mr Mawji on his appointment and assured him of the Ministry's full support in the discharge of his duties and commended AKDN for its significant contribution to efforts aimed at combating poverty, improving education, enhancing healthcare services, and preserving cultural heritage in both mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar.

On his side, Mr Mawji expressed gratitude to the Government of Tanzania for its strong support in the implementation of AKDN projects. He pledged to strengthen the partnership, particularly in areas such as cancer control in East Africa, climate change research, and environmental conservation, in collaboration with universities both within and outside the country, including in Canada and Germany.

The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) is an international organisation committed to improving the quality of life for people in Asia and Africa, regardless of their origin, religion, or gender.

TANZANIA – VATICAN COLLABORATION



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Minister Kombo Signs Condolences Book at the Vatican Embassy in Dar Es Salaam



By Koleta Njelekela

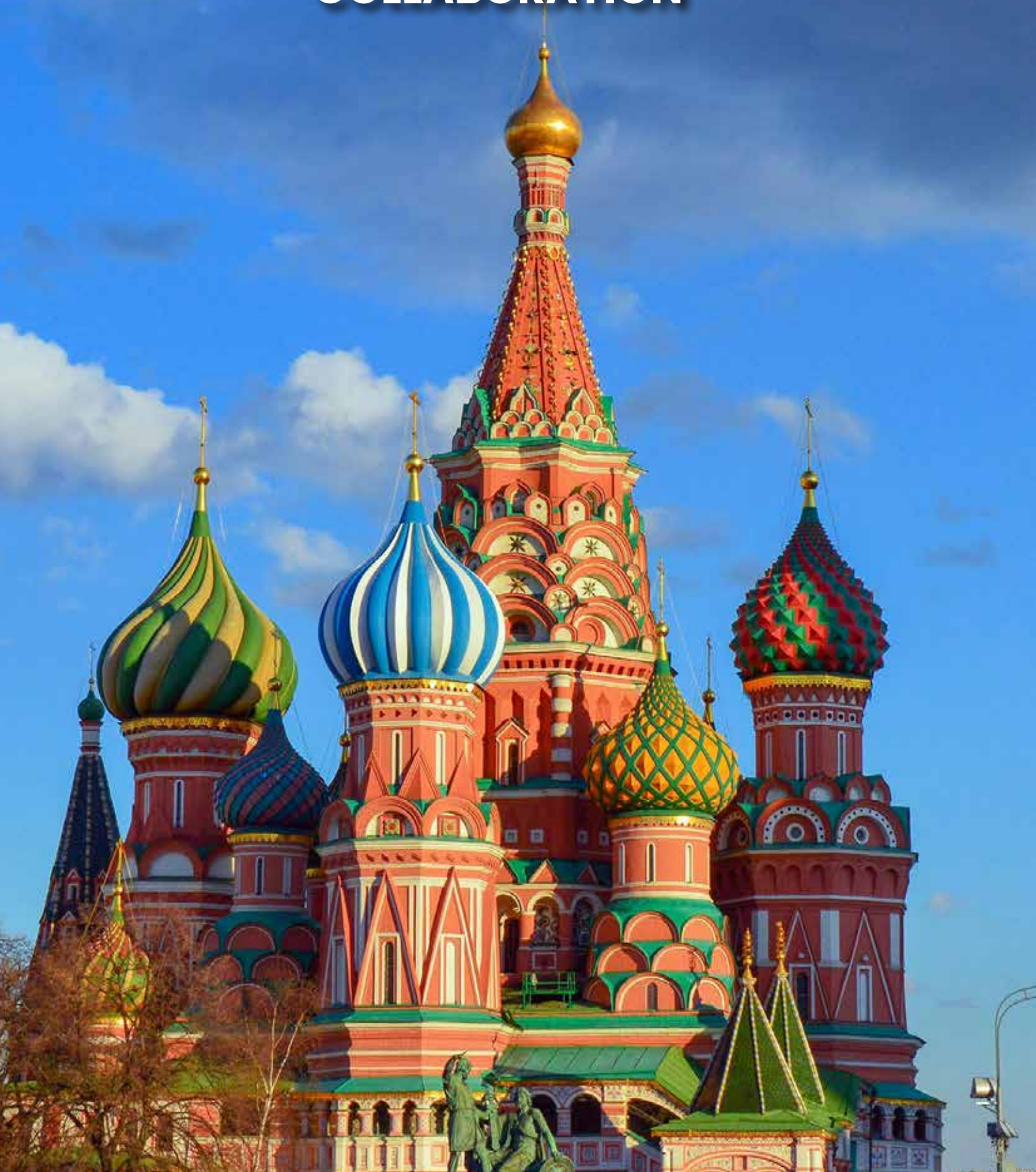
Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, signed the Book of Condolence at the Apostolic Nunciature (Embassy of the Vatican) located in Oysterbay, Dar es Salaam, following the passing of the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, His Holiness Pope Francis.

Pope Francis, who served as the Head of the Catholic Church for 12 years, passed away on 21 April 2025 at his residence in the Vatican City, after suffering a stroke.

Hon. Ambassador Kombo signed the Book of Condolence on behalf of the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H. E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, and conveyed heartfelt condolences from the government and the people of Tanzania to the Catholic Church and all faithful around the world.

In his conversation with the Apostolic Nuncio to Tanzania, H.E. Archbishop Angelo Accattino, Hon. Kombo expressed deep sorrow at the loss of the Holy Father, noting that the world has lost a remarkable leader who consistently championed justice, peace, human development, and social welfare.

TANZANIA – RUSSIA COLLABORATION



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Tanzania Reaffirms its Commitment to Deepening Bilateral Cooperation with the Russian Federation



By Rose Shayo

The Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, responsible for East African Affairs, Hon. Dennis Londo (MP), has reaffirmed Tanzania's commitment to further strengthening its long-standing and cordial relations with the Russian Federation. He noted that the commemoration of Russia's National Day serves as an important occasion to reflect on and advance the enduring diplomatic partnership between the two countries, anchored in mutual respect, peace, prosperity, and shared aspirations.

Speaking on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, during a reception hosted by the Russian Ambassador in Dar es Salaam on June 9, 2025, Hon. Londo acknowledged the fruitful cooperation that has characterised



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Tanzania–Russia relations over the decades.

He highlighted that bilateral cooperation between Tanzania and Russia has continued to generate meaningful outcomes, particularly in strategic areas such as education, defence, trade and investment, tourism, aviation, and cultural exchange.

Hon. Londo conveyed the Government of Tanzania’s deep appreciation to the Russian Federation for its unwavering support in various sectors of national development, especially in education. He noted that over the past sixty years, Tanzanians have benefited significantly from Russian scholarships and technical training programmes, particularly in the fields of science, engineering, and technology—contributing to the development of a skilled and knowledgeable workforce in the country.

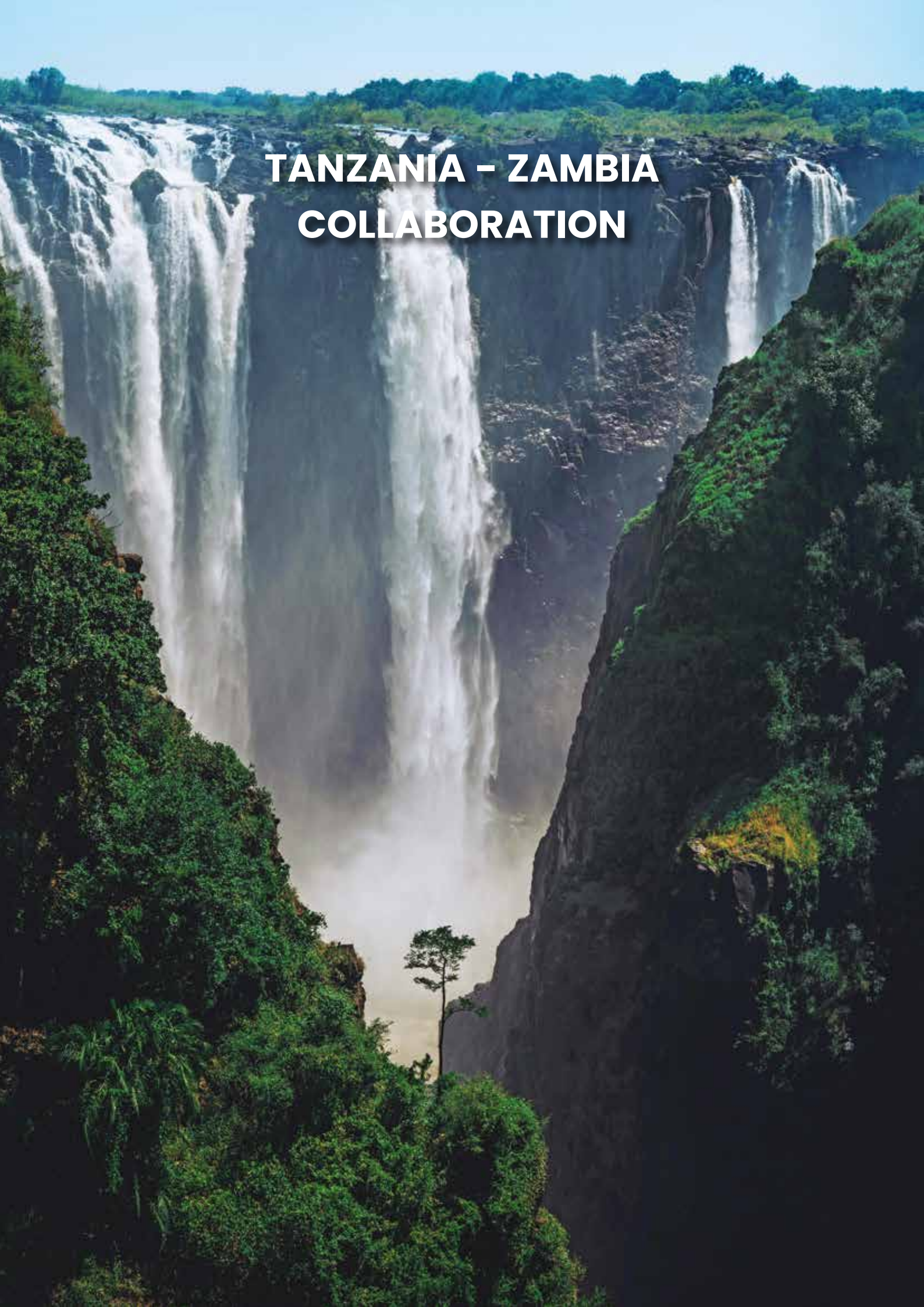
He further encouraged Russian investors and the business

community to explore emerging investment and trade opportunities in Tanzania. He emphasised that enhanced economic cooperation would not only strengthen bilateral ties but also contribute to increased tourism flows and broader people-to-people engagement.

“Tanzania cherishes its historic diplomatic ties with the Russian Federation—relations that were established on December 11, 1961, shortly after the country’s independence. These relations are founded on the principles of sovereign equality, non-interference, and mutual respect and have stood the test of time,” Hon. Londo stated.

The Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Andrey Avetisyan, expressed appreciation for Tanzania’s continued commitment to the bilateral relationship and reiterated Russia’s readiness to broaden cooperation into new and mutually beneficial areas, in line with the evolving priorities of both countries.





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Deputy Minister Londo Signs Condolence Book at The Zambian Embassy



By Rose Shayo

The Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation responsible for East African Affairs, Hon. Dennis Londo (MP), signed the Book of Condolences at the Embassy of the Republic of Zambia in Dar es Salaam following the death of the former President of Zambia, H.E. Dr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, who passed away on June 5, 2025, in South Africa, where he had been receiving medical treatment.

Upon his arrival at the embassy, Hon. Londo was received by the Zambian High Commissioner to Tanzania, H.E. Mathews Jere.

Hon. Londo conveyed heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, the government, and the people of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Hon. Londo paid tribute to the late Dr Lungu, describing him as a wise, patriotic, and dedicated leader who served the Zambian nation with great commitment during his tenure from 2015 to 2021.

“On behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, we extend our deepest sympathies to the family of the late President Edgar Lungu and to the people of Zambia.

“We will always remember President Lungu for his invaluable contribution to strengthening regional and international cooperation, which aimed at fostering sustainable development for the people of both nations. Tanzania stands in solidarity with the people of Zambia during this time of sorrow, and we pray for comfort and strength for his family and the entire nation,” Hon. Londo stated.

TANZANIA – RWANDA COLLABORATION



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Tanzania and Rwanda to Strengthen Bilateral Cooperation



By Emmanuel Godfrey

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Dr Samwel Shelukindo, met with the High Commissioner of the Republic of Rwanda to Tanzania, H.E. General Patrick Nyamvumba.

The two discussed key areas of collaboration aimed at further strengthening the long-standing relations between the two countries. During their discussions, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing bilateral cooperation, particularly in the areas of investment, trade, and the dairy sector.

They both emphasised the importance of fostering an enabling environment to facilitate private sector engagement and the sustainable growth of cross-border economic activities.

The two also underscored the significance of preserving and protecting memorial sites dedicated to the victims of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, as a shared responsibility to honour the memory of the victims and promote peace, reconciliation, and unity in the region.

A scenic view of a town with a church in the foreground and a mountain in the background. The church is a stone building with a dome and a bell tower. The town is built on a hillside with many houses with red roofs. In the background, there is a large mountain with snow on its peak under a blue sky with some clouds.

TANZANIA – KOSOVO COLLABORATION

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Minister Kombo Holds Talks with the President of Kosovo

By Rosemary Malale

The President of the Republic of Kosovo, H.E. Dr Vjosa Osmani Sadriu, held talks with Tanzania's Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, during a courtesy visit at the Presidential Palace in Prishtina, Kosovo, in June, 2025.

The two leaders discussions focused on strengthening the existing diplomatic relations between Tanzania and Kosovo, particularly in key strategic areas such as trade, investment, agriculture, and tourism.

President Sadriu expressed her delight at Tanzania's positive response to her invitation to participate in the Third International Conference on Women, Peace, and Security, of which she is one of the founders.

She also underscored Kosovo's strong appreciation for its diplomatic relationship with Tanzania, reaffirming the country's commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation for the mutual benefit of citizens in both nations.

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About enhancing economic relations between Tanzania and Kosovo, President Sadriu voiced her support for the proposal to establish a Joint Economic Commission and expressed her readiness to send a delegation of business people to Tanzania to explore potential investment and trade opportunities.

Speaking during the visit, Hon. Minister Kombo commended the ongoing cooperation between Tanzania and Kosovo and pledged to strengthen the partnership, especially in the areas of trade, investment, and tourism.

He invited businesspeople and investors from Kosovo to visit Tanzania and explore the numerous investment and business opportunities available in Tanzania and noted that Tanzania could benefit from Kosovo's market by exporting products such as fish and other seafood, spices, leather goods, and fruits.

Minister Kombo and his delegation were in Kosovo to attend the Third International Conference on Women, Peace, and Security, held from June 2 to 3, 2025.



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Tanzania and ALMA Sign Host Agreement



By Ally Kondo

The Government of Tanzania and the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA) have signed a Host Agreement during a ceremony held in Dodoma on June 28, 2025.

The agreement was signed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, on behalf of the Tanzanian government and the Executive Secretary of ALMA, Ms Joy Phumaphi, on behalf of that entity.

In his remarks, Minister Kombo highlighted the agreement as a sign of deepening cooperation and affirmed Tanzania's commitment to support ALMA's operations. He commended ALMA's leadership for advancing anti-malaria strategies across Africa, including initiatives like malaria scorecards and end councils, which have helped countries, including Tanzania, mobilize resources.

For her part, ALMA's Executive Secretary, Ms Phumaphi, expressed gratitude to the Government of Tanzania, stating that the signing of the agreement was made possible due to the strong leadership of the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan. She mentioned that this agreement is merely a continuation, as ALMA has been in Tanzania since its establishment in 2009 during the leadership of the fourth president, Dr Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, who was also the chairperson of the African Union at that time.

TANZANIA – CHINA COLLABORATION



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Minister Kombo's Visit to China: Strengthening Tanzania–China Strategic Relations



By Rose Mbilinyi

Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo (MP), had a successful working visit to the People's Republic of China, held from June 9 to 19, 2025. The visit aimed at strengthening Tanzania–China strategic relations by deepening diplomatic and economic ties between the two countries with a view to exploring new avenues for cooperation.

During the visit, Minister Kombo led the Tanzania delegation to

the Ministerial Meeting of Coordinators on the Implementation of the Follow-up Actions of the Forum on China–Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), held in Changsha, Hunan Province, from June 11 to 12, 2025. The meeting brought together foreign ministers and coordinators responsible for implementing the FOCAC Action Plan from Africa and China to discuss the execution of the plan approved by heads of state from both sides in September 2024 in Beijing, China.

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During the meeting, the FOCAC Coordinating Ministers from Africa and China adopted four key outcome areas: China announced additional measures to enhance cooperation with Africa in the fields of economy and trade, aimed at addressing ongoing global trade challenges. A list of selected projects showcasing provincial-level cooperation between China and Africa was approved; a declaration was made to designate the year 2026 as the Year of People-to-People Cooperation between China and Africa, and a joint declaration was issued affirming solidarity between China and Africa against trade tariff wars, which have hindered economic development.

During the official opening of the meeting, the Chinese Foreign Minister, Hon. Wang Yi, conveyed greetings from the President of the People's Republic of China, Hon. Xi Jinping, and emphasised China's strong commitment to the strategic partnership with Africa, as FOCAC marks its 25th anniversary.

He also underscored that the Africa-China partnership continues to be a symbol of solidarity among developing nations and serves to build an inclusive economic community that fosters development and prosperity for the people of Africa and China. Minister Wang Yi also announced that China is now lifting customs tariffs for all 53 African



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countries that maintain diplomatic relations with China, aiming to boost the African goods into the Chinese market.

Honourable Minister Kombo also took part in the opening ceremony of the 4th China–Africa Economic and Trade Expo (CAETE) in Changsha, Hunan Province, from June 13 to 15, 2025, which took place with the FOCAC Coordinators meeting. The Expo served as a premier platform for dialogue and collaboration between Chinese and African governments, businesses, and institutions, drawing participants from across the continent and beyond. The Expo also provided an important platform for enhancing trade partnerships, showcasing investment opportunities, and reinforcing Tanzania’s position as a strategic partner in Africa.

On the sidelines of the FOCAC Coordinators’ Meeting, Minister Kombo held a high-level bilateral



meeting with Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party (CPC) and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China H.E. Wang Yi. The two leaders underscored the enduring and historic friendship between Tanzania and China—rooted in the principles of mutual respect,

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non-interference, and shared development goals.

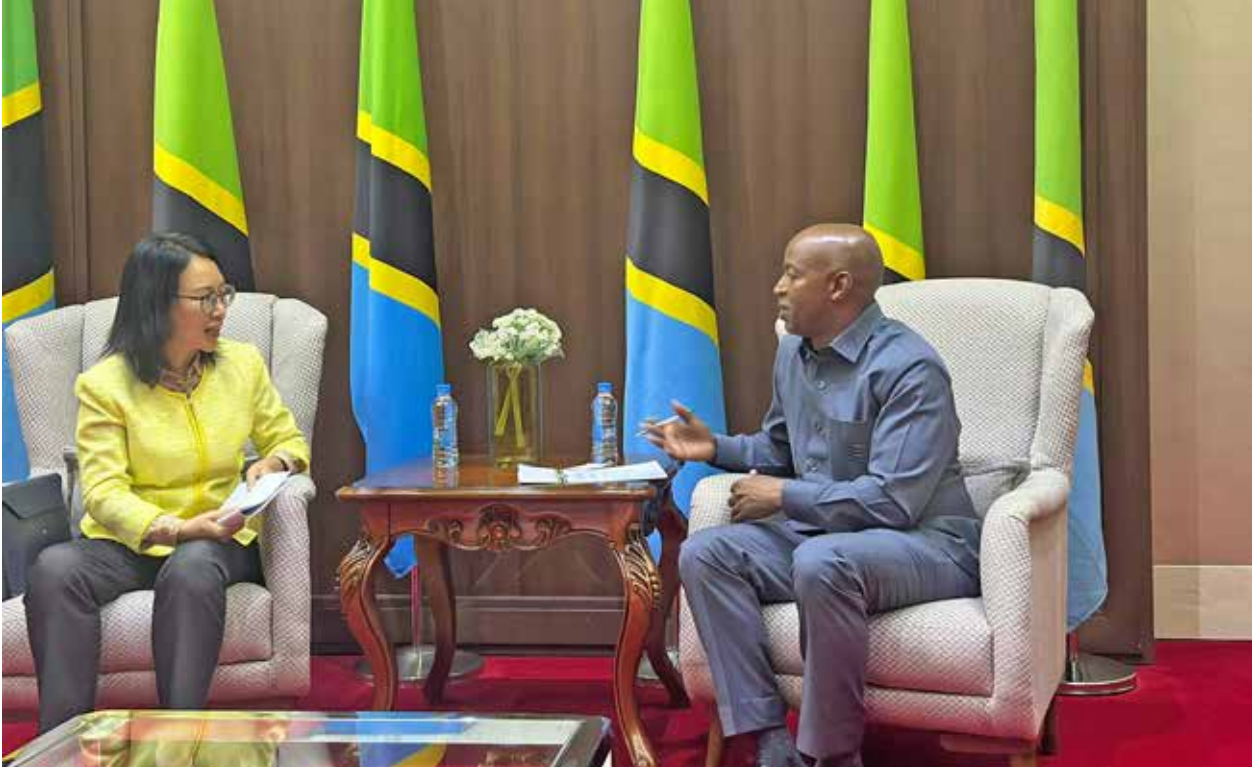
During the talks, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries. The dialogue placed particular emphasis on sustainable development, including cooperation in key sectors such as agriculture, health, education, digital economy, and renewable energy. Minister Kombo outlined Tanzania's development vision under H.E. President Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan, emphasising national priorities such as industrialisation, job creation, and poverty reduction.

H.E. Wang Yi welcomed Tanzania's development agenda and reiterated China's readiness to continue supporting Tanzania's infrastructure drive through concessional financing, technical assistance, and public-private partnerships.

The visit by Minister Kombo marks a significant milestone in the long-standing and growing partnership between Tanzania and China. Through high-level meetings, economic forums, and strategic engagements, the visit reinforced the mutual commitment of both countries to advance cooperation that delivers concrete results for their peoples.

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Tanzania, China to Strengthen Diplomatic and Technological Cooperation Through FOCAC



By Koleta Njelekela

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Cosato Chumi, met with the Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania, H.E. Chen Mingjian, to discuss strengthening the over 60-year diplomatic and development partnership between Tanzania and China.

Hon. Chumi praised China's continued support through the Forum on China–Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), highlighting its role in fostering mutual development and trade.

He confirmed Tanzania's submission of priority projects under the FOCAC 2025–2027 Implementation Plan for potential concessional loans and grants. He also reaffirmed Tanzania's commitment to deeper collaboration with China across key sectors, including agriculture, health, education, infrastructure, and digital innovation.

Ambassador Chen expressed China's willingness to expand cooperation, especially in emerging areas such as artificial intelligence, e-commerce, and digital technologies.

TANZANIA – FINLAND COLLABORATION



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Tanzania and Finland to Strengthen Trade and Investment Ties

By Tatu Lugusa

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo (MP), has reaffirmed Tanzania's commitment to deepening trade and investment cooperation with Finland for the mutual benefit of both nations.

Speaking at the Tanzania–Finland Business and Investment Forum held in Dar es Salaam, Minister Kombo highlighted ongoing efforts by the government to improve the business environment by streamlining licensing processes, reducing bureaucratic bottlenecks, and enhancing customs systems to ensure efficient service delivery to investors.

Hon. Kombo reiterated the government's readiness to support and facilitate foreign investment through the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC), identifying ICT, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, and agricultural technologies as priority sectors with high potential for partnership.



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Minister Kombo emphasised that Tanzania aims to position itself not merely as a consumer of Finnish products but as a reliable and long-term partner in trade and investment. He also encouraged Tanzanian entrepreneurs to actively explore opportunities in the Finnish market, which prioritises sustainability, quality, and transparency attributes in which Tanzanian natural products demonstrate significant potential.

The President of the Republic of Finland, H.E. Alexander Stubb, commended Tanzania's continued reforms to enhance its investment climate, describing them as encouraging signals to the global business community. He emphasised that Finland views Tanzania as a key partner in Africa, not only in trade and investment but also in sustainable development and innovation.

President Stubb underlined Finland's readiness to deepen bilateral cooperation across priority sectors such as education and vocational training, renewable energy, healthcare, agriculture, and environmental protection. He particularly highlighted the importance of technology transfer and green innovation in fostering inclusive growth.

He noted that Finland considers Tanzania a strategic entry point into the East African region and called for stronger partnerships between businesses from both countries to unlock new opportunities in regional and global markets.

President Stubb was accompanied by a delegation of Finnish business leaders and investors who are seeking partnership opportunities in Tanzania, recognising the country's strategic position within the region.



TANZANIA – UGANDA COLLABORATION



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Uganda Breaks Ground on High Commission Chancery in Dodoma

By Theodos Komba

The Government of the Republic of Uganda has officially launched the construction project of its Embassy Office building, which has already begun in Mtumba, Dodoma.

Valued at over Tshs. 14 billion, the project is scheduled for completion within two years and underscores Uganda's strong commitment to expanding its diplomatic presence in Tanzania's administrative capital.

During the groundbreaking ceremony held in the Capital Dodoma in May 2025, Uganda's High Commissioner to Tanzania, H.E. Col. (Rtd.) Fred Mwesigye underscored that the project is far more than a public-serving facility, it is a strategic initiative designed to deepen and strengthen the economic and diplomatic bonds between the two neighboring nations of Tanzania and Uganda.

He further highlighted that Tanzania and Uganda are brotherly nations with a long-standing history of cooperation on bilateral and international issues.

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Uganda is therefore proud to be the first country to initiate construction of an embassy office in Dodoma a gesture of gratitude to the Tanzanian government for its significant contributions to Uganda's national development and its support for the capital's relocation to Dodoma

Ambassador Mwesigye urged other diplomatic missions in Tanzania to follow Uganda's lead by establishing their own chancery offices in the capital Dodoma. He also stressed the importance of timely execution, urging the contractor to complete the project within the agreed-upon standards, timeframe, and budget.

Representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, the guest of honor, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation responsible for East African Affairs Hon. Dennis Londo (MP) praised Uganda for making history as the first nation to initiate construction of an embassy office in the capital Dodoma.

Deputy Minister Londo highlighted that the launch of the construction project set for completion shortly, stands as a strong testament to the enduring partnership between Uganda and Tanzania, built on shared values, mutual respect, and a profound sense of brotherhood.

He also took the opportunity to urge other diplomatic missions in Tanzania to move their offices to Dodoma, emphasizing that the government has put in place a favorable and well-equipped environment to support their effective operations in the new capital.



TANZANIA – BRAZIL COLLABORATION



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Tanzania and Brazil reaffirm their commitment to strengthening economic diplomacy.



By Emmanuel Godfrey

Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Dr. Samwel Shelukindo, held talks with Brazil's Ambassador to Tanzania, H.E. Gustavo Martins Nogueira, with the aim to strengthen bilateral cooperation focused on socio-economic development.

Dr. Shelukindo praised Brazil's achievements in areas such as agriculture, healthcare, renewable energy, and sports, highlighting opportunities for collaboration.

He emphasized Tanzania's interest in the automotive sector, particularly electric and gas-powered bus assembly, citing Marcopolo as a potential partner.

He also proposed joint efforts in sports diplomacy, including establishing sports academies with support from renowned Brazilian athletes.

H.E. Ambassador Nogueira reaffirmed Brazil's commitment to expanding cooperation with Tanzania in defense, maritime security, military training, cotton farming, and livestock processing.

TANZANIA – USA COLLABORATION



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Tanzania and US to Strengthen Economic Cooperation through Trade and Investment



By Emmanuel Godfrey

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Dr. Samwel Shelukindo, accompanied by the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Coordinator for Tanzania, Dr. Hamisi Mwinyimvua, held discussions with the Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America to Tanzania, Mr. Andrew Lentz, to deliberate on key areas of economic cooperation between the two countries, particularly through the framework of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC).

During the meeting, both sides reviewed Tanzania's priorities under the MCC program, focusing on efforts to remove barriers to trade and investment through close collaboration with both government institutions and private sector stakeholders.

The two parties expressed optimism regarding Tanzania's continued eligibility and potential benefits under the MCC following a scheduled review by the U.S. Government.

The meeting also discussed the implementation of other ongoing development cooperation projects supported by the United States, as well as emerging economic opportunities that Tanzania aims to leverage in the context of the forthcoming U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the longstanding partnership between Tanzania and the United States, with a shared vision to promote sustainable economic growth, attract strategic investments, and advance mutual prosperity.

TANZANIA – SOMALIA COLLABORATION



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Ambassador Mbundi Meets with Somali Envoy, Highlights Growing Interest in Tanzania's Tourism Attractions

By Rose Shayo

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation responsible for East African Affairs, Ambassador Stephen Mbundi, met with the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Somalia to Tanzania, H.E. Ilyas Hassan, at the ministry sub-office in Dar es Salaam. During their meeting, the latter expressed his sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East Africa Cooperation for its effective coordination of the diplomatic tour showcasing Tanzania's key tourist attractions.

H.E. Ambassador Hassan conveyed his delight with the success of the Diplomatic Safari and Tour held from April 11 to 15, 2025, during which members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Tanzania, along with representatives from international organisations, had the opportunity to visit the Serengeti National Park, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, and Zanzibar Island.

He further noted the enthusiastic response received from the Somali public following media coverage of his participation in the tour, with many expressing keen interest in visiting Tanzania's renowned tourist sites.

REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY



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Tanzania Reaffirms Commitment to Disability Inclusion at the 3rd Global Disability Summit in Germany



By Sheiba Bulu

The Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office responsible for Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, and Coordination, Hon. Umyy Nderiananga (MP), has reaffirmed Tanzania's strong commitment to fully integrating persons with disabilities into the country's national development agenda.

Hon. Umyy was speaking at a panel discussion titled "The Road to Inclusive Climate Action: From Berlin to Belém and Beyond", held during the 3rd Global Disability Summit which took place early April 2025, in Berlin, Germany.

She underscored the importance of adopting comprehensive and inclusive approaches to ensure that person with disabilities are not only recognized but actively engaged in the process of sustainable development. "True and sustainable development cannot be achieved without the full participation of all members of society, particularly persons with disabilities," she emphasized.

She further noted that while governments and development stakeholders continue to take commendable steps, person with disabilities still face persistent challenges that require coordinated, inclusive, and long-term solutions. Hon.

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Nderiananga highlighted a range of policy initiatives and measures that the Government of Tanzania has undertaken to promote equality and opportunity for persons with disabilities.

The Summit, jointly organized by the International Disability Alliance (IDA), the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Kingdom of Jordan, aimed to accelerate global efforts to bridge the gap in the inclusion of person with disabilities. The gathering convened government leaders, policymakers, persons with disabilities, and experts from around the world to deliberate on inclusive strategies within global development frameworks.

On the sidelines of the summit, Hon. Nderiananga held bilateral discussions with the Vice President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Ms. Gerardine Mukeshimana. During their meeting, the two had centered on enhancing collaboration between IFAD and the Government of Tanzania in the implementation of inclusive development projects, particularly those aimed at economically and socially empowering persons with disabilities. Hon. Nderiananga stressed that such partnerships are vital in achieving inclusive, people-centered development.



During her visit to Germany for the summit Hon. Nderiananga also visited the Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania in Berlin, where she held constructive talks with Tanzanian Ambassador to Germany H.E Hassan Mwamweta and embassy staff. She commended the Embassy for its continued dedication to promoting Tanzania's interests abroad, especially its efforts in attracting investment, tourism, and business cooperation from Germany and across Europe.

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H.E. Thabo Mbeki Visits Tanzania to Honour Pan-African Legacy and Advance Africa's Renaissance



By Sheiba Bulu

Former President of the Republic of South Africa, His Excellency Thabo Mbeki, undertook a landmark visit to the United Republic of Tanzania from 20th to 25th May 2025, as part of the Africa Day commemorations. After his arrival in Dar es Salaam on 20th May, H.E. Thabo Mbeki embarked on a series of high-level engagements aimed at fostering dialogue on Africa's socio-economic transformation.

To start with, he participated in a discussion on advancing the blue economy and tourism in Africa, held in Dar es Salaam under the theme "Harnessing the Blue Economy and Tourism for the Benefit of the African Continent". aimed to emphasise the importance of the sustainable management of oceans, lakes, and rivers, as well as the promotion of regional and international tourism as tools to strengthen the economy, employment, and African identity.

H.E. Thabo Mbeki also delivered an intellectually stimulating lecture at the Nkrumah Hall, University of Dar es Salaam, where he engaged with students, faculty, and thought leaders on Africa's political evolution, self-reliance, and the role of youth in shaping the continent's destiny.

On 22nd May, H.E. Thabo Mbeki made a symbolic day trip to Mazimbu in the Morogoro region, where he toured a site of immense historical significance in

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the struggle against apartheid. Mazimbu was home to the Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College (SOMAFCO), an ANC-established educational institution supported by the Tanzanian government which served as a sanctuary for exiled South African freedom fighters and a beacon of solidarity during the apartheid era.

While in Mazimbu, H.E. Mbeki toured the cemeteries, planted a tree and laid a bundle of flowers at the cemeteries of members of the African National Congress (ANC) and their families who lived, worked, studied and passed away in exile while Tanzania provided safe haven during the fight against apartheid in South Africa. The cemeteries serve as the final resting place, and the return to Mazimbu was both emotional and historic—a moment of reflection on the sacrifices made and the enduring friendship between the two nations. During his visit to Mazimbu, H.E. Mbeki, in a moving tribute, acknowledged Tanzania’s vital role in South Africa’s liberation and emphasised the importance of preserving this shared legacy for future generations.

H.E. Mbeki’s itinerary also included participation at a High-Level Roundtable on 22nd May, focusing on: “Leveraging South Africa’s G20 Presidency for Africa’s Advancement and Catalysing Investment for Continental Renewal.” Which highlighted Africa’s place in global economic governance, stressing the need for coordinated continental strategies to attract investment, influence global policy, and build inclusive prosperity.



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EAC Health Ministers Approved Two Regional Centres of Excellence to be Hosted by Tanzania



By Rose Mbilinyi

The 25th Ordinary Meeting of the East Africa Community Sectoral Council of Ministers of Health officially approved the establishment of two Regional Centres of Excellence in the United Republic of Tanzania during the meeting held in Arusha on 9th May, 2025.

This decision is made following proposals submitted by the United Republic of Tanzania regarding the establishment of a Centre of Excellence in Oral and Dental Health Sciences to be hosted by the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) and a Centre of Excellence in Bone Marrow

Transplantation and Haematological Sciences to be based at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital.

Speaking at the opening of the meeting, Hon. Dr Godwin Mollel (MP), Deputy Minister for Health and head of the Tanzanian delegation, stated that Tanzania remains committed to supporting the EAC health agenda by strengthening health systems and investing in human resources and infrastructure, in alignment with both national and regional priorities. He stressed that the establishment of centres of excellence is a key step in expanding specialised healthcare services across the region.

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In addressing emerging health challenges such as the Mpox virus, Dr Mollé called on partner states to strengthen disease surveillance systems, improve laboratory capabilities, and enhance cross-border cooperation. He also underscored the importance of community engagement and accurate communication to counter misinformation and stigma related to diseases. Additionally, he reiterated Tanzania's commitment to advancing medical education through regional projects and programmes, including efforts to harmonise medical and healthcare training curricula across the EAC.

Moreover, the United Republic of Tanzania reiterated its commitment to prioritising the management and improvement of the health sector to continue reflecting both national and EAC goals for quality and reliable healthcare access for all citizens.

He also outlined the ongoing efforts by the Tanzanian government to address healthcare challenges across both the mainland and Zanzibar by enhancing infrastructure, investing in human capital, and capacity building.

Other efforts include the adoption of digital medical technologies and an emphasis on inclusivity and equitable access to quality health services, especially for underserved and remote communities.



The EAC Sectoral Council of Ministers of Health addressed key health priorities in the region, including: strengthening interoperable health systems, cooperation in the detection of epidemic and infectious diseases, access to modern and efficient medical technologies, and enhancing the health sector governance systems.

This council was preceded by preparatory meetings: the Permanent Secretaries' Meeting and the Senior Officials' Meeting of the EAC, which were held from 5 to 7 May 2025 and 8 May 2025, respectively. These meetings finalised preparatory documents to facilitate policy guideline discussions and develop a common understanding of technical issues.

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UDSM Awards Honorary Doctorate to Outgoing President of the AfDB



By Ally Kondo

The University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) has honoured the outgoing President of the African Development Bank (AfDB), Dr Akinwumi Adesina, with an honorary degree of philosophy in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Africa's agricultural transformation and economic development.

The award was presented during the 55th graduation ceremony held at Mlimani City Conference Hall by former Tanzanian President and UDSM Chancellor H. E. Dr Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete in June 2025.

Reading the citation and highlighting the significance of the honour, Professor Rwekaza Mukandala described Dr Adesina as a rare combination of academic excellence, visionary leadership, and impactful service.

He highlighted Dr Adesina's transformative initiatives that have positively affected millions across the continent. "In 2011, Dr Adesina transformed fertiliser subsidy distribution during his tenure as Nigeria's Minister of Agriculture by introducing an innovative electronic e-wallet system; this boosted productivity and eliminated middlemen corruption, benefiting more than 11 million farmers," Prof. Mukandala said.

Since assuming the AfDB presidency in 2015, Dr Adesina has overseen a doubling of the bank's capital, from \$93 billion to \$208 billion by 2019. His High 5 priorities – Light Up and Power Africa, Feed Africa, Industrialise Africa, Integrate Africa, and Improve the Quality of Life for the People of Africa – have positively impacted more than 565 million people across the continent.

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Under his leadership, the African Development Bank has invested over \$55 billion in infrastructure across the continent, supported food security programmes benefiting more than 100 million people, and allocated \$6 billion to enhance healthcare systems.

Prof. Mukandala noted that despite being an agricultural economist, Dr Adesina significantly advanced financial reforms, promoting inclusive financing to empower youth, women, and rural communities and revitalising the African Development Bank's financial tools by boosting its capital base, launching social bonds, and creating emergency funds to support key development sectors.

In Tanzania, AfDB's partnership with the government has supported major infrastructure projects including Dodoma's Ring Road, Msalato International Airport, and the Standard Gauge Railway linking Tanzania and Burundi.

The bank's backing of the agricultural sector has helped Tanzania achieve 128% food self-sufficiency. AfDB is also a key partner in the Build Better Tomorrow (BBT) initiative, which has enabled over 11,000 young Tanzanians to engage in modern agriculture.

Receiving the honorary degree, Dr Adesina expressed gratitude to UDSM and the Government of Tanzania, particularly President Samia Suluhu Hassan. "I love Tanzania and consider myself a citizen of this great nation," he said. He added that during his 10-year tenure at AfDB, Tanzania received \$4.73 billion as a loan, which is equivalent to 53% of all loans issued by the AfDB. He encouraged the 842 graduating students to use their knowledge to innovate and contribute to Africa's development.



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President Samia Launches Revised Foreign Policy: A Vision for Global Engagement and Economic Diplomacy

By Sheiba Bulu and Rosemary Malale

On May 19, 2025, President of the United Republic of Tanzania H.E. Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan unveiled Tanzania's revised Foreign Policy 2024 edition in Dar es Salaam in a colourful event which was also attended by the President of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, H.E. Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi.

Speaking during the launching event, H.E. President Dr. Samia emphasised that the policy has been updated to enable Tanzania to effectively respond to the dynamic global changes occurring across political, economic, and social spheres.

"The launch of this policy is part of our broader strategy to ensure Tanzania achieves its development goals through enhanced cooperation with other countries and regional and international organisations."

President Samia has assured that the core principles laid down by the nation's founding leaders remain intact despite the updates.

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These include respect for national sovereignty, good neighbourliness, and non-alignment in international affairs. She also reiterated Tanzania's continued commitment to African unity and support for the United Nations in its efforts to promote global economic development, peace, and security.

President Samia noted that the revised policy reflects the aspirations and priorities of Tanzanians, who were actively involved in its formulation, and added that the 2024 edition of the foreign policy aims at strengthening and advancing Tanzania's political, economic, and social interests under the framework of economic diplomacy.

It also focuses on promoting economic cooperation with various countries and international organisations; encouraging investment and trade; engaging the Tanzanian diaspora in national development; promoting the global use of Kiswahili; mainstreaming blue economy and environmental concerns in foreign policy strategies; and enhancing the management and coordination of international agreements to protect national interests.

H.E. President Samia called on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation to ensure broad public awareness and understanding of the policy to facilitate effective implementation.

Addressing matters of national sovereignty and peace, she urged security agencies and relevant institutions to respond swiftly and decisively to misinformation, misinterpretations or any emerging threats. "We must not allow foreign activists or unruly individuals to disturb the peace and security that our country has enjoyed for decades," she stated firmly.

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She said the updated foreign policy stands as a roadmap to guide Tanzania's engagement in international affairs—anchored in the nation's values, responsive to global changes, and focused on securing a prosperous future for all Tanzanians—and it reflects the aspirations and priorities of Tanzanians, who were actively involved in its formulation.

The 2024 edition of foreign policy is a comprehensive update of the 2001 framework, which reflects Tanzania's commitment to adapting to the dynamic global landscape. Central to this shift is the emphasis on economic diplomacy, aiming to bolster trade, attract foreign investment, and enhance Tanzania's competitive edge in the international arena.

The policy seeks to empower the Tanzanian diaspora by granting them special status, acknowledging their role in national development and fostering stronger ties with Tanzanians abroad.

The revised foreign policy outlines a strategic approach to economic diplomacy, prioritising partnerships with emerging markets in Asia and strengthening ties with established partners in Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. By diversifying its diplomatic and trade relations, Tanzania seeks to enhance its economic resilience and leverage global opportunities for sustainable growth.

The launch of Tanzania's Foreign Policy 2024 signifies a pivotal moment for embracing economic diplomacy, regional leadership, and global engagement.

Tanzania is poised to navigate the complexities of the 21st century, ensuring that its foreign relations contribute meaningfully to national development and global cooperation.

As the launch event themed "Dunia ni Fursa" portrayed, the policy reflects Tanzania's readiness to seize those opportunities, fostering a future of prosperity and collaboration on the global stage.



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President Mwinyi: Launching of Foreign Policy Signals Tanzania's Growing Global Confidence



By Sheiba Bulu and Rosemary Malale

President of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, H. E. Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi, said the unveiling of Tanzania Foreign Policy 2024 edition is a powerful symbol of Tanzania's strengthening global presence.

H.E. Dr Mwinyi made the remarks during the official launching of the policy in Dar es Salaam and described the policy launch as a bold declaration of Tanzania's ambition to become more influential on the international stage, noting that the policy is a continuation of Tanzania's diplomatic tradition and a blueprint for the country's future engagement.

"The launch of this policy illustrates how Tanzania continues to consolidate its standing in international affairs," adding that "It is a deliberate and strategic move to ensure national interests are protected, our diplomatic ties are strengthened, and our presence is felt in the global community."

Dr Mwinyi emphasised that the updated policy reflects the collective vision of both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar and acknowledged Zanzibar's active participation in draughting the policy, ensuring that

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its unique perspectives and priorities are included.

“We are pleased that Zanzibar was fully involved in the formulation of this policy. Its vision is clearly embedded in the document, and this inclusive approach ensures that the entire United Republic of Tanzania moves forward with unity and purpose.” Dr Mwinyi noted and added that the shared ownership enables Tanzania to engage with the world from a position of confidence, using diplomacy as a tool to advocate for its economic, political, and cultural interests.

Dr Mwinyi urged Tanzanian diplomats to ensure that Zanzibar benefits meaningfully from the bilateral and multilateral partnerships that emerge through the country’s international engagements. “It is my call to our ambassadors and diplomats to ensure Zanzibar fully reaps the benefits of Tanzania’s relations with countries and regional or international institutions, these opportunities must contribute to the well-being and progress of both Zanzibar and mainland Tanzania.”

Dr Mwinyi also called the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation to support efforts aimed at enhancing consular services in Zanzibar and suggested that diplomatic missions and foreign embassies be encouraged to open liaison offices on the islands. “It is essential that embassies establish satellite offices in Zanzibar to provide consular services such as visa issuance, making it easier for our people to access the world,” he advised.



He said the step would not only simplify travel and business for Zanzibaris but also showcase Zanzibar as an open and welcoming gateway for international cooperation as Tanzania navigates a changing global order, the newly launched foreign policy serves as a compass pointing the nation toward strategic engagement, economic diplomacy, and inclusive development.

Highlighting the strategic objectives of the 2024 foreign policy, H.E. Dr Mwinyi said it is designed to safeguard the country’s interests, promote international cooperation, and tap into emerging global opportunities and emphasised that foreign relations are no longer limited to politics since they are now deeply intertwined with economic development, investment, tourism, technology, and cultural exchange

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Improved Foreign Policy Seeks to Deepen Tanzania's Engagement on the Global Stage – Minister Kombo



By Sheiba Bulu and Rosemary Malale

Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, said Improved Foreign Policy seeks to deepen Tanzania's engagement in global politics and development.

"In a bid to position Tanzania more competitively in the ever-evolving global landscape, we have come up with an enhanced foreign policy that is expected to play a pivotal role in advancing the country's international agenda," Hon. Kombo noted.

Minister Kombo was speaking during the Tanzania Foreign Policy 2024 edition launch event held in Dar Es Salaam and emphasised that the foundation laid by the 2001 foreign policy remains crucial while the world has undergone profound changes in the past two decades that necessitate a strategic realignment.

"You will agree with me that nearly 24 years since the formulation of the 2001 policy, significant transformations have occurred in Tanzania, across Africa, and around the world," he noted. "Tanzania now needs a robust policy that reflects today's global realities and our broader national interests."

He said the Foreign Policy 2024 edition is a strategic instrument which, aligned with Tanzania Development Vision 2050 and Zanzibar's Development Vision

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2050, provides a blueprint for the country's future, with aspirations to attain upper-middle-income status and become a key player in the global economy.

"We envision a future where Tanzania is an influential voice in global trade relations, a hub of peace and stability, and a committed contributor to international peacekeeping efforts," Hon. Kombo stated.

The minister underscored that the revamped policy is crafted to equip Tanzania with the tools needed to navigate the complexities of a rapidly changing world. It aims to safeguard the national interests of the United Republic of Tanzania through deliberate, inclusive, and strategic diplomacy. "This foreign policy is a key instrument to ensure that Tanzania adapts to shifting global dynamics and strengthens its international cooperation more effectively," he added.

Reflecting on the journey since the implementation of the 2001 policy, Hon. Kombo pointed out a series of diplomatic achievements. These include stronger bilateral relations, enhanced regional cooperation, and increased participation in international political, economic, and social affairs.

He said Tanzania has also played a prominent role in peace and conflict resolution efforts, contributing to mediation missions and peacekeeping operations under regional and international bodies such as the African Union and the United Nations.

He added that Tanzania has gained recognition as a host of key regional and international institutions, including the East African Community (EAC), the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption, and the headquarters of the Pan African Postal Union.



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President Samia and Dr Adesina Visit Dodoma Outer Ring Road and Msalato Airport Projects

- **President Samia hails Dr Adesina for being a key development partner for Tanzania.**
- **The Dodoma Outer Ring Road named “Adesina Road”**



By Sheiba Bulu and Teodos Komba

The President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan, accompanied by the outgoing President of the African Development Bank (AfDB), Dr Akinwumi Adesina, on 13th June, 2025, visited ongoing infrastructure projects of the 112-kilometre Dodoma Outer Ring Road and the new Msalato International Airport.

The tour began in the Mtumba area, continued through Veyula, and ended in the Msalato area, where the construction of Msalato International Airport is underway. This airport will be the second largest in the country after Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA).

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The Msalato Airport project is expected to cost approximately TZS 370 billion and will be built to Category F standards—the highest international standard for airports. Currently, construction is at Phase IV, which will accommodate up to 1.5 million passengers annually.

Speaking to residents in the Nala area after visiting both the road and airport projects, President Samia expressed her gratitude to the outgoing AfDB President, Dr Adesina, for being a strong development partner to Tanzania.

“My fellow citizens of Dodoma, we are gathered here to express our gratitude and bid farewell to the President of the African Development Bank, who is concluding his term,” said President Samia.

She commended Dr Adesina for his dedicated service and unwavering support for Tanzania. Under his leadership, the AfDB has been a major financier of Tanzania’s development journey through the provision of concessional loans that have supported key infrastructure projects.

President Samia noted that Dr Adesina’s leadership has not only benefited Tanzania but has had a far-reaching impact across the African continent.



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She emphasised that the construction of road infrastructure in Dodoma aims to ease traffic congestion in the capital city and facilitate easier movement across different parts of the city. The Dodoma Outer Ring Road, in particular, is a key project for the city and the nation at large, as it supports broader connectivity via road, rail, and air.

The president also stated that the Msalato Airport will significantly enhance the country's air transport network, both domestically and internationally, thereby boosting tourism.

She added that 85% of the funding for the Msalato Airport project is being provided by the African Development Bank, while the remaining 15% is contributed by the Government of Tanzania.



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Why Tanzania's new foreign policy is a timely and valid response to global shifts

By Amb. Dr. Samwel Shelukindo

First and foremost, all recognition and appreciation goes to H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania and our nation's Number One Diplomat, whose guidance and directives led to the finalisation of the Tanzania Foreign Policy 2001 (2024 Edition).

In a world of constant geopolitical flux, the unveiling of Tanzania's updated Foreign Policy (2024 Edition) is both timely and necessary. This policy does not discard the ideological foundations that guided Tanzania's post-independence diplomacy but rather adapts them to a new era of digital globalisation, climate threats, shifting economic blocs, and rising geopolitical tensions.

From the moment Tanganyika and Zanzibar united in 1964, Tanzania positioned itself on the global stage with clarity of purpose. Guided by principles of non-alignment, Pan-Africanism, freedom, and human dignity, the United Republic of Tanzania emerged as a champion of African liberation and continental unity.

The 2001 Foreign Policy, then a product of its time, was formed in the wake of liberalisation and the early 21st-century wave of globalisation. It rightly

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prioritised economic diplomacy, trade-led cooperation, and deeper regional engagement. For over two decades, it delivered measurable success in bilateral ties, regional integration, and multilateral influence. Yet, the world has changed, and so must Tanzania's strategy.

From globalisation to geo-economic realities

The early 2000s saw globalisation as a near-universal ideal. Markets opened, trade flourished, and digital networks expanded. Tanzania leveraged this wave, tripling its exports from \$1.7 billion in 2001 to over \$11.6 billion in 2022. It also more than doubled its FDI inflows over the same period. These gains were not trivial; they translated into job creation, human development, and broader prosperity.

However, globalisation has since entered a more fragmented phase. Protectionism, economic nationalism, climate pressures, and geopolitical rivalries, especially between the U.S. and China, have redefined the rules of global engagement. A new, pragmatic foreign policy is therefore vital to navigate this environment.

The strengths of the past and their limits

The 2001 policy laid strong diplomatic foundations. Tanzania's peacekeeping roles in DRC, South Sudan, and Lebanon showcased the country's commitment to global peace. It forged bilateral agreements across continents and elevated Kiswahili to new diplomatic heights. Its regional efforts within the EAC, SADC, and IORA reflected a country deeply integrated in Africa's multilateral institutions. But cracks had begun to show. Persistent transnational crimes, human trafficking, smuggling, and cyber threats continued to disrupt trade and regional trust. The underutilisation of signed agreements and inadequate diaspora engagement represented missed opportunities.

The 2001 framework offered little clarity on emerging priorities such as the blue economy, digital diplomacy, climate action, and innovation ecosystems. In a data-driven, AI-enabled world, this created policy blind spots. Moreover, socio-political instability in neighbouring countries and global shifts in democratic norms made consistent foreign engagement increasingly complex. Tanzania's foundational non-alignment needed clearer implementation tools to adapt to a multipolar world dominated by aggressive diplomacy and competing blocs.

A policy for the new global order

The revised 2024 Foreign Policy acknowledges these shifts with refreshing candour. It maintains the country's long-standing values of peace, solidarity, and human dignity but reframes them through the lens of contemporary challenges. The renewed emphasis on economic diplomacy is not new, but it is

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better defined. It now extends beyond trade into strategic investments, digital economies, and climate partnerships.

The policy's recognition of the diaspora as a diplomatic and economic asset is long overdue. With millions of Tanzanians living abroad, diaspora engagement can become a pillar of development finance, knowledge exchange, and cultural diplomacy. The elevation of the blue economy, Kiswahili diplomacy, and cross-sectoral regional integration reflects modern imperatives. Maritime security and ocean resource management are particularly critical given Tanzania's vast Indian Ocean coastline and rising competition in the region. Likewise, positioning Kiswahili as a global language aligns with Tanzania's cultural soft power strategy, already bearing fruit through UN recognition.

The review also introduces stronger institutional coordination, particularly in combating cross-border crime and enhancing peace missions. These reforms are essential as threats become more transnational, especially in cyber warfare and regional extremism. The foreign policy-security nexus now places institutions like the National Counter Terrorism Centre and the SADC-RCTC at its core.

The way forward

Tanzania's global re-engagement under this policy must be bold yet pragmatic. Success will depend on implementation, bridging strategy with execution. Priority areas should include: Investment in foreign service modernisation, including digital diplomacy tools and policy research capacity. Regular monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to ensure agreements are implemented and deliver mutual benefits. Diaspora mapping and integration, allowing for structured engagement in trade, culture, remittances, and innovation. Cross-sector alignment between ministries, missions, and the private sector to elevate Tanzania's competitiveness on the world stage.

Most importantly, Tanzania must project itself as a solution-orientated partner in global affairs: a mediator in regional conflict, a voice for equitable development, a leader in environmental diplomacy, and a trusted bridge between the Global North and South. In an era where foreign relations are shaped by complexity, speed, and competition, Tanzania's revised Foreign Policy is not only valid but also vital. It affirms the country's sovereign values while embracing change. It transforms past successes into platforms for future leadership. And in a world of shifting alliances and uncertain futures, it offers a roadmap grounded in national interest, continental solidarity, and global cooperation. Now, the work must begin, not in crafting more words, but in building meaningful actions.

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Tanzania's Infrastructure Renaissance Positions Nation as Regional Growth Engine



By Amb. Mindi Kasiga, ndc,

Tanzania is quietly emerging as a regional infrastructure powerhouse, leveraging strategic megaprojects to position itself as a gateway to East and Southern Africa. Under successive administrations, most recently that of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, the country has pursued an unbroken vision of connectivity and productivity, transforming itself from a transit corridor into a vital economic hub.

Flagship projects such as the JPM Magufuli Bridge, the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), and the Mwalimu Nyerere Hydropower Plant are now redefining not only Tanzania's domestic landscape but also the commercial dynamics of its landlocked neighbors.

Infrastructure as a National Investment Strategy

Between 2002 and 2025, Tanzania reportedly invested over \$645 billion in infrastructure—an astonishing figure for a country whose current GDP stands at approximately \$85 billion. The returns are starting to show. According to World Bank models cited by local economist Dr. Bravious Kahyoza, every \$1 spent on transport infrastructure yields roughly \$2 in national return, and about \$1.50 in rural settings.

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This strategic spending has lifted Tanzania's GDP from \$63 billion in 2021, with real growth accelerating from 4.2% to 5.7%. In tandem, government-led rural electrification, irrigation expansion, and transport connectivity have narrowed the urban-rural divide, stimulating inclusive economic activity.

A Bridge to Growth



A central symbol of this transformation is the newly inaugurated JPM Magufuli Bridge across Lake Victoria. Stretching across East Africa's largest lake, the bridge reduces travel time by nearly 80% and is expected to boost regional trade by 40%. It also generates more than 2,700 jobs and directly links Tanzania's lake zone to inland provinces and neighboring economies such as Uganda, Rwanda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

More than infrastructure, the bridge reflects a broader push toward regional integration. Located along the Central Corridor—a trade artery connecting the Indian Ocean port of Dar es Salaam to the Great Lakes—it complements ongoing investments in dry ports and freight rail, enhancing logistics for both domestic producers and regional exporters.

Hydropower as Industrial Backbone

Tanzania's energy strategy is equally ambitious. The 2,115 MW Mwalimu Nyerere Hydropower Project—once controversial—is now emerging as a backbone of national energy policy. With the potential to export electricity to Mozambique, Malawi, and Zambia, the dam also powers agri-processing and small-scale manufacturing across underserved rural districts.

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Energy economists project that expanding generation capacity to 10,000 MW could lift rural incomes by as much as \$300 per capita annually—pivotal gains in a country where agriculture still employs two-thirds of the workforce.

Policy Consistency Pays Dividends

What sets Tanzania apart is its policy continuity. Infrastructure priorities launched under Presidents Mkapa, Kikwete, and Magufuli have been maintained—and in many cases, accelerated—under President Suluhu. The International Monetary Fund notes that Tanzania is among just six African nations to fast-track infrastructure delivery during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Tanzania is building a future around productivity and regional integration,” said Dr. Kahyoza. “This is not about headline projects alone—it’s about reshaping the economy.”

Plans are underway to expand Mtwara Port for Malawian exports, extend rail lines into Burundi, and reinforce cross-border infrastructure with Zambia and the DRC.

Road to a \$1 Trillion Economy

Tanzania has set its sights on becoming a \$1 trillion economy by 2050. Analysts agree that to reach this target, the country must deepen its pipeline of public-private partnerships, scale renewable energy adoption, and unlock capital through investment-friendly reforms.

The regulatory landscape is evolving accordingly. Investor protections, local-content incentives, and commercial dispute mechanisms are being strengthened to provide a stable environment for capital inflows.

Yet, experts caution that infrastructure alone is not enough. “Roads and power lines matter,” one academic noted, “but so does enabling market participation—access to finance, digital infrastructure, and workforce upskilling.”

Regional Ripple Effects

The strategic logic of Tanzania’s infrastructure play extends beyond its borders. Trade volumes through Tanzanian ports and rail have surged from 7% to 24% of total volume, fueling growth in East and Southern Africa. For landlocked countries such as Rwanda, Burundi, and Zambia, Tanzania offers the shortest and most efficient trade routes to global markets.

By blending hard infrastructure with cross-border vision, Tanzania is reshaping the regional economy—and potentially, the continent’s development model. Its success suggests that infrastructure, when integrated with sound policy and regional coordination, can serve as a true engine of transformation.

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Dodoma is Ready; the Diplomatic Community told

By Ally Kondo

The diplomatic community in the country has been urged to shift to the capital, Dodoma, from Dar Es Salaam as the city has got all necessary facilities to accommodate them.

This was stated by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo (MP), during a special meeting of the diplomatic community accredited to the country organised by the Office of the Regional Commissioner of Dodoma, which took place in Dodoma on May 27th, 2025.

“Inform your respective governments that Dodoma is ready; you should allocate funds for the construction of chanceries and residency buildings for the ambassadors on the land that has been provided free of charge in the Government City, Mtumba, in Dodoma,” Ambassador Kombo urged.

Minister Kombo informed the ambassadors that the key to any success in the world is to have faith in what you are determined to accomplish. The Tanzanian government, since it made the decision to relocate the capital to Dodoma in 1973, has had faith in that decision, and today that faith is being practically implemented through significant investments in infrastructure and social services to create a conducive living environment in Dodoma for all people, including ambassadors.

Ambassador Kombo stated that due to the development of the city of Dodoma, many investment opportunities have arisen, and he called on the ambassadors to bring investors to Dodoma to seize these opportunities. He also urged the Office of the Regional Commissioner of Dodoma to provide updates on

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every step of the city's development to stakeholders to encourage them to make informed decisions about Dodoma. He mentioned that this meeting is an important platform for sharing information about the progress of the Dodoma region and suggested that it should be held annually.

The host of the meeting, which carried the theme "Dodoma is Ready: Take Dodoma to the World and Bring the World to Dodoma", the Regional Commissioner of Dodoma, Hon. Rosemary Senyamule, used the platform to outline various milestones achieved in the development of the city, particularly in the areas of health services, education, water, electricity, security, transportation, and recreation. She stated that these services are available at international standards. Thus, the diplomatic community should not fear anything; they are welcome in Dodoma, and Dodoma is ready for them.

She mentioned that the government is in the process of constructing the Hombolo Thematic Satellite City and requested investors to collaborate

with the government to realise the construction of this city.

Additionally, the Representative of the Head of Ambassadors, who was the Ambassador of Kenya to Tanzania, Hon. Isaac Njenga, stated that he and his fellow ambassadors have witnessed significant progress in the development of the city of Dodoma, especially after visiting and seeing the Government City in the Mtumba area, the Benjamin Mkapa Referral Hospital, and the construction of the Msalato International Airport. He said on behalf of his fellow ambassadors that they are satisfied with the progress made and have promised to persuade their respective governments to allocate funds to begin the construction of offices and residences for ambassadors in Dodoma.

The diplomatic community accredited to Tanzania were in Dodoma to participate in the presentation of the budget speech of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation for the financial year 2025/2026 on May 28, 2025.



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Tanzanians at the Forefront: Leadership and Roles in Regional and International Organisations

By Sheiba Bulu

Tanzania continues to assert its presence on the global stage through the remarkable contributions of its citizens who hold influential positions in regional and international organisations. From high-level diplomatic roles to technical and advisory positions, Tanzanians both in permanent and temporary capacities are actively advancing development, diplomacy, and global cooperation.

Among the most notable recent positions is that of Hon. Dr Tulia Ackson, Speaker of the National Assembly

of Tanzania, who currently serves as President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). Dr Tulia was elected during the 147th IPU Assembly held in Luanda, Angola, on 23 November 2023 for a three-year tenure. Dr Tulia is the first Tanzanian and the second African woman to lead this global organisation that brings together parliaments from over 179 countries. Her leadership underscores Tanzania's growing influence in promoting democratic governance, inter-parliamentary dialogue, and legislative cooperation on the international stage.

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In the health sector, Prof. Mohamed Janabi, a seasoned medical expert and executive director of the Muhimbili National Hospital and former executive director of the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute, was elected regional director for the World Health Organisation (WHO) Africa Region. His election reflects the continent's recognition of Tanzania's expertise in public health and reaffirms the country's pivotal role in driving health systems transformation across Africa. Prof. Janabi's elections follow the untimely death of former Tanzanian WHO African Director, the late Dr Faustine Ndugulile, who died in November, 2024.

Dr Tulia and Prof. Janabi are among six Tanzanians who are serving in various leadership positions and making an important contribution in various regional and global organisations, influencing key areas such as trade policy, environmental sustainability, and gender equality.

Beyond high-profile leadership roles, many Tanzanians serve across various regional and international institutions, contributing their skills and expertise to drive critical programmes and policies in permanent and temporary capacities:

At the African Union (AU) there are 61 Tanzanians who are currently serving in various roles within, reflecting Tanzania's expanding influence in continental affairs. They contribute across key sectors including peace and security, governance, health, economic development, and education and

innovation. These professionals play essential roles in conflict resolution, promoting democracy, improving healthcare systems, advancing regional trade, and driving scientific progress.

Their presence demonstrates Tanzania's strong commitment to Pan-Africanism and its growing leadership in shaping Africa's future through regional institutions. These 61 Tanzanians serve as a testament to the country's commitment to Pan-African ideals. Their contributions not only strengthen the African Union's institutional capacity but also position Tanzania as a leader in promoting African solutions to African challenges. Their presence in Addis Ababa and across AU field missions reflects the country's growing diplomatic and technical influence in shaping the continent's future.

In the Southern African Development Community (SADC), there are 22 Tanzanians who serve in various roles, contributing to regional integration, economic cooperation, infrastructure development, and conflict resolution. These professionals reflect Tanzania's strong commitment to regional unity and its active role in driving progress across Southern Africa.

The presence of these Tanzanians within SADC reflects the country's strong commitment to regional solidarity and its active role in shaping policies that promote peace, stability, and economic growth across Southern Africa. These

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22 professionals serve as vital links between Tanzania and its regional partners, reinforcing national interests while advancing collective development goals within the SADC framework.

Across various departments and agencies within the United Nations (UN) system, there are 7 Tanzanians who work there. Though few in number, these professionals are making a significant impact by contributing to some of the world's most pressing challenges—including human rights protection, sustainable development, and climate action. Their roles span different levels, from technical and advisory positions to mid- and senior-level management within key UN bodies. Collectively, they bring Tanzania's perspectives and expertise into the global arena, helping shape inclusive and effective international policies.

Although only 7 Tanzanians are within UN departments and agencies, they play impactful roles in shaping global policies. These professionals contribute to key areas such as human rights, sustainable development, climate change, and peacebuilding. Serving at different levels, they help develop inclusive and effective international strategies while representing Tanzania's voice on the world stage. Their presence underscores the country's growing influence and the high quality of Tanzanian expertise in global governance.

At the United Nations agency responsible for advancing social justice and promoting internationally recognised labour rights (International Labour Organisation – ILO), there are



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27 Tanzanians who serve there. This agency actively promotes labour standards, fair employment, and social protection at both national and global levels. These professionals play a crucial role in shaping labour policies and programmes that improve the lives of workers and promote equitable economic development both in Tanzania and around the world.

Their work spans areas such as policy development, employment promotion, social security, skills training, and support for small enterprises. They also contribute to research and field-based initiatives, ensuring ILO programmes are impactful and aligned with local realities. Their presence underscores Tanzania's strong commitment to

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fair employment, workers' rights, and inclusive economic development on the international stage.

At the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), there are a total of 173 Tanzanians who are currently working within Tanzania and in various countries around the world. Their active engagement reflects Tanzania's longstanding legacy in humanitarianism and its growing contribution to international efforts to protect the rights and dignity of forcibly displaced people.

They contribute to critical areas such as emergency humanitarian response, refugee protection, legal support, resettlement, camp management, logistics, and technical operations. Their roles extend from field-level service delivery to global policy and leadership positions. This active engagement reflects Tanzania's deep-rooted humanitarian legacy and highlights its growing contribution to global refugee protection efforts.

With the history of hosting refugees for decades, Tanzania has produced skilled and compassionate professionals who bring local insight to international contexts. These 173 Tanzanians working with UNHCR today embody this legacy, offering their expertise and empathy to protect some of the world's most vulnerable populations. Their work reinforces Tanzania's reputation as a leader in humanitarian response and refugee protection.

At the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), there is one Tanzanian who holds a significant position within the regional intergovernmental

organisation that fosters cooperation among countries bordering the Indian Ocean. This role highlights Tanzania's strategic involvement in advancing regional partnerships and addressing shared challenges in this geopolitically important maritime zone.

This appointment not only underscores Tanzania's commitment to regional multilateralism but also strengthens its influence in shaping the Indian Ocean's future as a zone of peace, prosperity, and sustainable development. By contributing to IORA's agenda, Tanzania helps advance collaborative solutions that benefit millions of people living in coastal and island communities around the Indian Ocean rim. This leadership role highlights Tanzania's commitment to regional multilateralism and its influence in promoting peace, prosperity, and sustainable development across the Indian Ocean region.

These appointments highlight the increasing confidence regional and international organisations have in Tanzanian professionals, underscoring the country's growing influence and the calibre of its talent in shaping global agendas. Aligned with President Samia Suluhu Hassan's vision, Tanzania is enhancing its global presence through skilled diplomacy and cooperation. The achievements of Tanzanians in these roles inspire future leaders and demonstrate the country's capacity to lead on global challenges like climate change, health, and human rights. As international collaboration becomes vital, Tanzania is stepping up, not just participating but leading efforts toward a more inclusive and sustainable world.

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Tanzania, Malawi Reaffirms Commitment to Strengthen Bilateral Trade

By Sheiba Bulu

The United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Malawi have agreed to resume and enhance bilateral trade effective from 2nd May 2025.

The commitment was reached after the day-long high-level ministerial meeting held in the capital, Dodoma, which brought together ministers for foreign affairs, agriculture, industry, and trade from Tanzania and Malawi for the discussions.

Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Hon. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo and the Minister for Foreign Affairs from Malawi, Hon. Nancy Gladys Tembo, lead the diplomatic consultations between the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Malawi, which culminated in the successful signing of a Joint Communiqué on 2 May 2025.

The signed agreement shared through a joint communique reaffirmed the commitment of both nations to continue facilitating the trade of various commodities, including agricultural produce, in accordance with relevant regional and international agreements and protocols.

The Joint Communiqué aimed to strengthen economic cooperation through the facilitation of trade in various goods, including agricultural products, which will be guided by existing regional and international agreements and protocols.

The renewed commitment signals both countries' dedication to fostering mutual prosperity and advancing regional integration through sustained dialogue and constructive partnership.

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Tanzania and South Africa Commit to Strengthening Economic Cooperation



By Sheiba Bulu

The United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of South Africa have reaffirmed their commitment to deepening economic cooperation and advancing shared development goals.

The pledge was agreed during bilateral talks held in Dar es Salaam between the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, and South Africa's Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Hon. Ronald Lamola.

During their meeting, both countries agreed to continue strengthening their collaboration, particularly in the areas of trade and agriculture, as well as holding regular consultations to overcome challenges in economic cooperation.

Hon. Minister Kombo emphasized Tanzania's readiness to enhance ties for mutual prosperity and encouraged active engagement in joint initiatives.

On his part, Hon. Minister Lamola reaffirmed South Africa's dedication to implementing the agreed areas of cooperation through a structured action plan and monitoring framework.

He emphasized continued dialogue and collaboration in key sectors such as trade, education, agriculture, and industrial development, highlighting the historic friendship and shared aspirations between the two nations.

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Tanzania and Finland to Strengthen Cooperation in Peacekeeping and Mediation



By Koleta Njelekela

The President of the Republic of Finland, H.E. Alexander Stubb, has stated that the Government of Finland will continue to strengthen its cooperation with Tanzania to ensure joint efforts are implemented in peacekeeping and conflict resolution across Africa and the world at large.

President Stubb made these remarks on May 15, 2025, while opening a seminar to honor the late-former President of the Republic of Finland, H.E. Martti Ahtisaari, for his contribution to global peace and reconciliation, held at Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) in Dar es Salaam.

President Stubb noted that the late Martti Ahtisaari remains a treasured figure and guiding force in today's world, reminding us that peace is achievable when peacebuilders are willing to listen to one another and collaborate with sincerity.

"The late Ahtisaari was renowned for his efforts in resolving conflicts in countries such as Kosovo, Namibia, and the Aceh region in Indonesia, where he employed dialogue and reconciliation to bring about lasting peace in areas affected by prolonged conflict," President Stubb explained.

Earlier, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit

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Kombo (MP), expressed gratitude to Finland for its partnership and support in development projects in the country and for funding various programs at the Uongozi Institute and the Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim Centre for International Relations. This support has enhanced the effectiveness of these institutions at both national and international levels.

Regarding Finland's contribution to promoting peace and conflict resolution, Minister Kombo emphasized that Tanzania will continue to lead in peacebuilding efforts, guided by the four core principles introduced by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan. These principles which are Reconciliation, Resilience, Reforms, and Rebuilding the Nation (4R), were designed to foster social cohesion and achieving lasting peace.

"In Tanzania, the Late President Ahtisaari holds a special place in our hearts. He lived among us and shared in many cherished memories since 1973, when he was appointed as Finland's Ambassador to Tanzania. His long-standing friendship with the Late President Benjamin William Mkapa is a reminder of the deep and unique bond he had with the people of Tanzania," Hon. Kombo reiterated.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the Board of the Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation, Mr. Marko Ahtisaari, noted that diplomatic relations between Tanzania and the Republic of Finland are rooted in the solid foundation laid by the founding leaders of both nations, including Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, the late Benjamin Mkapa, and the late Martti Ahtisaari. Their legacy has enabled the two countries to expand areas of cooperation for the mutual benefit of their citizens.



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Minister Kombo Represents President Samia at High Level AU Bureau virtual Meeting

By Koleta Njelekela

Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Hon. Amb. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo represented President of the United Republic of Tanzania H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan at a special virtual meeting of the African Union (AU) Bureau of the Assembly held on April 5, 2025. Tanzania participated in the meeting in its capacity as the Third Vice-Chairperson of the African Union Bureau of the Assembly.

Speaking during the meeting, Minister Kombo congratulated Angola on its election as Chair of the African Union and commended President João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço for his exemplary leadership, expressing confidence that, under President Lourenço's capable guidance, the African Union will continue to promote peace, security, and sustainable development across the continent.

The meeting was convened by the President of the Republic of Angola and the Chairperson of the AU, H. E. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço. The session was part of the AU's ongoing efforts to uphold its mandate of promoting peace, security, and stability across the African continent..

The Bureau of the Assembly of AU Heads of State and Government nominated President of the Republic of Togo H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé to serve as mediator in the ongoing conflict between the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the Republic of Rwanda following the decision of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government through the silence procedure, as stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

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Minister Kombo Meets with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Mozambique



By Koleta Njelekela

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Mozambique, Ambassador Maria Manuela Dos Santos Lucas, at the Ministry's sub-offices in Dar es Salaam.

During their talks, which focused on strengthening diplomatic relations, the ministers discussed how the leaders of the two countries can leverage diplomatic opportunities to enhance bilateral cooperation and promote economic diplomacy through various sectors.

The two leaders also expressed their intention to expand areas of cooperation across various sectors, including mining, trade aimed at developing the blue economy, oil and gas, and agriculture.

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Minister Kombo highlighted the importance of Tanzania and Mozambique continuing to strengthen cooperation in contract farming, identifying it as a strategic opportunity that will enable farmers on both sides to increase the production of crops such as cashew nuts and coffee.

He emphasised that the cooperation would contribute to improving food security and strengthening economic diplomacy between the two nations.

In response, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Mozambique, Ambassador Maria Manuela Dos Santos Lucas, stressed the importance of the two countries establishing a strategy, agreeing on priority areas of cooperation, in order to strengthen trade and economic growth for the benefit of their citizens.

“Since gaining independence, Mozambique has benefited greatly from Tanzania, especially in strengthening our governance systems. There remains significant potential to deepen our relations with Tanzania and learn more from President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, who is a strong leader promoting the principles of good governance, national unity, and cohesion, as well as enhancing diplomatic relations, trade, regional security, and sustainable development,” Ambassador Dos Santos Lucas stated.



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Ambassador Shelukindo meets with the Belgian Ambassador

By Koleta Njelekela

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Dr. Samwel Shelukindo, held a courtesy meeting with the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to Tanzania, H.E. Peter Huyghebaert, at the Ministry's offices in Dar es Salaam.

During their discussions, the two dignitaries reviewed the current state of bilateral relations between Tanzania and Belgium and explored opportunities to further strengthen future cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

Ambassador Shelukindo expressed his sincere appreciation to the Government of Belgium for its longstanding and cordial partnership with Tanzania, which has steadily grown since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 1980.

He acknowledged the valuable contributions made through Belgium's bilateral cooperation, particularly in the areas of water and sanitation, sustainable agriculture, and the implementation of the "Wezesha Binti" program (2023–2028) in the Kigoma Region. The program has significantly contributed to skills development and the promotion of gender equality within local communities.

Ambassador Shelukindo further reiterated Tanzania's commitment to regional peace and security, guided by its Foreign Policy of 2001 (2024 Edition), which prioritises dialogue, diplomacy, and peaceful conflict resolution as fundamental pillars in addressing regional challenges.

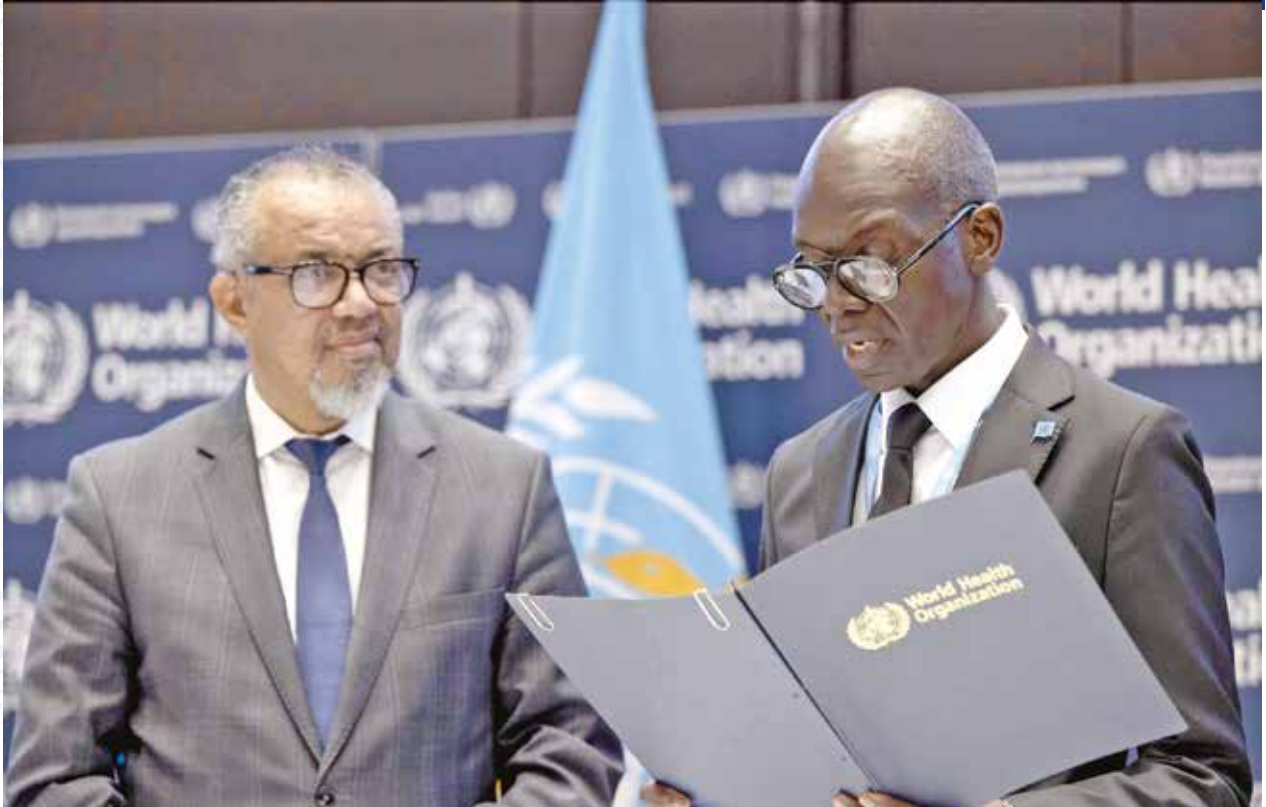
On his part, the Belgian Ambassador to Tanzania, H.E. Peter Huyghebaert, expressed his gratitude to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for its strong cooperation with Belgium and reaffirmed Belgium's commitment to deepening the bilateral partnership for the mutual benefit of both countries, with a shared dedication to advancing sustainable development, peace, and stability.

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A Pledge Honored: President Samia Delivers WHO–AFRO Victory for Tanzania



By Amb. Mindi Kasiga, ndc

In the wake of the untimely passing of Dr. Faustine Ndugulile, Tanzania’s trailblazing WHO Regional Director-elect for Africa, the nation launched a meticulously crafted campaign to ensure the coveted WHO–AFRO leadership remained in Tanzanian hands. Spearheaded by President Samia Suluhu Hassan, the strategy blended diplomatic prowess, regional engagement, and the appointment of former President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete as campaign leader—demonstrating Tanzania’s steadfast commitment to global health leadership.

Dr. Ndugulile’s death on November 27, 2024, in India, where he was receiving medical treatment, deeply saddened the nation and the wider African health community. Elected in August 2024 as the first Tanzanian and East African to lead WHO–AFRO, his passing left a significant void. At his funeral in Dar es Salaam, President Samia delivered a moving tribute that set the tone for Tanzania’s resolve. “Dr. Ndugulile was a beacon of hope for Tanzania and Africa. His vision for a healthier continent will not die with him,” she declared. “Today, I pledge that Tanzania will fight to retain this

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position. We have chosen Professor Mohamed Janabi, a distinguished cardiologist and health leader, to carry forward this mantle. His expertise and dedication make him the ideal candidate to lead WHO-AFRO.”

The nomination of Prof. Janabi—CEO of Muhimbili National Hospital and founding CEO of the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI)—was a strategic decision rooted in excellence. With over 83 medical publications, a key role in reducing outbound cardiac referrals by 95%, and collaborations with international partners such as the Gates Foundation and Africa CDC, Janabi stood out as a capable and respected successor. His candidacy, announced on December 10, 2024, during an official ceremony in Zanzibar, followed a careful review of multiple candidates. “We reviewed more than five CVs and concluded that Prof. Janabi is best suited to take over from Dr. Ndugulile,” President Samia affirmed, citing his visionary leadership at JKCI and Muhimbili.

A critical pillar of the campaign was the appointment of former President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete to chair the National Campaign Committee. A respected statesman with extensive ties across the continent and a long-standing advocate for health development, Kikwete was the ideal choice to lead Tanzania’s bid. Having served as Minister of Foreign Affairs for ten years and as President of Tanzania for another ten, his seasoned diplomatic experience and credibility proved instrumental in mobilizing support from across



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Africa. His longstanding professional relationship with Prof. Janabi, who had served as his personal physician, further underscored his commitment to the campaign. Kikwete’s engagement strategy focused on outreach to all 47 voting Member States, ensuring Tanzania’s message was delivered effectively and respectfully.

Tanzania’s campaign deployed a multi-layered strategy. First, the government mobilized its diplomatic corps, with embassies across Africa actively promoting Prof. Janabi’s credentials and vision. Targeted outreach efforts were complemented by a coordinated public diplomacy drive across digital platforms, with hashtags such as #JanabiForWHO

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and #TanzaniaLeads gaining momentum. A widely shared post on X (formerly Twitter) praised the nomination: “Prof. Janabi’s CV stands out. He’s ready to fly Tanzania’s flag at WHO.”

Second, Tanzania worked closely with regional blocs, including the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC), to consolidate regional support. Through bilateral engagements and behind-the-scenes diplomacy, Prof. Janabi’s four-point agenda—strengthening primary healthcare, enhancing referral systems, prioritizing workforce development, and modernizing

WHO-AFRO’s emergency response—was shared and discussed with key stakeholders. His commitment to addressing maternal health challenges, aligning with Tanzania’s progress in reducing maternal mortality, further reinforced his appeal across the region.

Third, the campaign framed Prof. Janabi’s candidacy as a continuation of Tanzania’s commitment to health leadership. Signature achievements such as JKCI’s emergence as a center of excellence—attracting patients from neighboring countries like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, and Zambia—and a \$364 million soft loan from Korea Exim Bank



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Ambassador Shelukindo Holds Key Meeting with Pfizer in Dodoma

By Teodos Komba

Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Dr. Samuel Shelukindo, met with the Vice President of Pfizer for Emerging Markets Access and Accord Lead, Mr. AbdelAli Besri, in the capital, Dodoma.

The meeting focused on strengthening collaboration between the Government of Tanzania and Pfizer, particularly in the health sector. During their meeting, both leaders explored ways to deepen existing partnerships and identify new opportunities to advance Tanzania's healthcare priorities.

Ambassador Dr. Shelukindo commended Pfizer's ongoing efforts to improve access to essential medicines and healthcare innovations in emerging markets and emphasised the vital role in building resilient health systems and achieving Tanzania's national health goals.

Mr. Besri reiterated Pfizer's commitment to supporting Tanzania through sustainable initiatives, including capacity building, fostering local partnerships, and expanding access programs aimed at enhancing public health outcomes.



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‘Diplomatic Safari and Tour’ Makes History, A Remarkable Milestone

By Amb. Mindi Kasiga ndc, and Rose Mbilinyi

For the first time in the history of Tanzanian diplomacy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation has officially launched Diplomatic Safari and Tour – a unique initiative aimed at strengthening public diplomacy and promoting Tanzania’s tourism to the international community through diplomats accredited to the country.

From April 11 to 15, 2025, approximately 25 diplomats from various countries and international organizations participated in this special tour, accompanied by the counterparts from the Ministry, visiting key tourist attractions including Serengeti National Park, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, and the stunning beaches of Zanzibar.

The tour was organized by the Ministry in collaboration with private sector stakeholders including NMB Bank together with TANTOUR Booking Initiative, locally owned aiming at facilitating tourists’ bookings and showcase touristic services from local operators to promote tourism. Other public sectors stakeholders include Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB), the Zanzibar Commission for Tourism, and their respective Ministries. This partnership reflects the vision

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of Tanzania's Foreign Policy, which prioritizes Economic Diplomacy aimed at increasing the number of international tourists and boosting national revenue through the tourism sector.

The coordinator of the tour, who also serves as Director of Communication and Public Diplomacy at the Ministry Ambassador Mindi Kasiga stated, "this tour is not only an opportunity to showcase our natural and cultural heritage, but also a strategic avenue to elevate Tanzania's global image. It supports our Economic Diplomacy agenda by attracting investment through the tourism sector, increasing tourist arrivals, and broadening the tourism base by targeting the diplomatic community."

The 25 diplomats are expected to become voluntary ambassadors for Tanzania, promoting the country in their respective nations by sharing their personal experiences. This effort is anticipated to increase tourist arrivals and attract more investors.

The head of delegation who is also the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry Ambassador Said Mussa, confirms that the Diplomatic Safari and Tour is envisaged to become an annual event, serving as a platform to enhance collaboration between government and the private sector in promoting trade, investment and tourism, while placing Tanzania on the global map as a premier destination in Africa and beyond.

Through this innovative initiative, Tanzania has reaffirmed its commitment to welcoming the world – with diplomats as its frontline ambassadors in not only promoting the country's rich and diverse attractions, but also its investment and business opportunities. Tanzania is opening up! taking its Economic Diplomacy a notch up, elevating its potentials.

Diplomats Captivated by The Uniqueness of Serengeti, Conservation In Ngorongoro, and Zanzibar's Tourism; Applaud Tanzania's Tourism Promotion Efforts

Over 25 diplomats from various countries and international organizations who alongside diplomats from the Foreign Ministry took part in the Diplomatic Safari and Tour 2025 expressed their admiration for Tanzania's breathtaking touristic attractions and commended the efforts of the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, for promoting the country's tourism through public diplomacy.

Before embarking on a thrilling Hot Air Balloon experience, the diplomats were accommodated at the luxurious Serengeti Explorer Lodge – one of the marvels of high-end accommodation within the Serengeti National Park. Harmoniously built to blend with its natural surroundings, the lodge provided the diplomats

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with tranquility and unmatched comfort in the heart of the wilderness. Sunset views over the endless plains, the sounds of nocturnal wildlife, and the world-class service from experienced staff made it an unforgettable part of the tour.

At dawn, still thrilled by their Serengeti stay, the diplomats took off in hot air balloons provided by Miracle Experience Tanzania, drifting over the vast plains of Serengeti. From above, they viewed wildlife, vegetation, and bird species, while receiving captivating stories from the balloon pilots.

Burundi's Ambassador to Tanzania, H.E. Léontine Nzeyimana, shared her awe after the balloon safari, saying she had never imagined such a unique experience. "I commend the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation for organizing this tour. I have seen Tanzania's beauty firsthand – words alone cannot describe it," she said.

The diplomats were also amazed and thrilled to witness a section of the world-famous Great Migration, as more than 1.5 million wildebeest moved in herds alongside zebras – a phenomenon many had only heard about in media reports.

Serengeti National Park continues to stand out globally, having won the Africa's Leading National Park award by the World Travel Awards for six consecutive years – 2019 through 2024 – outperforming famous parks like Central Kalahari

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(Botswana), Etosha (Namibia), Kidepo Valley (Uganda), Kruger (South Africa), and Masai Mara (Kenya). Serengeti is once again a nominee in the 2025 awards.

After their Serengeti experience, the diplomatic convoy continued by road to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Along the journey, they enjoyed scenic views and freely roaming wildlife, all while observing strict conservation rules that prohibit off-road driving.

Upon arrival in Ngorongoro, they were impressed by the site's conservation management, which has successfully preserved rich biodiversity, including the "Big Five." Ngorongoro is among the few places in the world where a volcanic caldera teems with wildlife, and it is recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site for its natural beauty and vital role in environmental conservation.

Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Tanzania, H.E. Yahya Okeish, was deeply moved by the landscapes of the Ngorongoro Crater, stating: "Tanzania is truly a country of unique wonders. I will return soon with friends, relatives, and my family so they can also witness this country's beauty."

Zanzibar was the final stop on the diplomats' itinerary. Welcomed at the airport with cheers and cultural displays led by Hon. Mudrik Soraga, Minister of Tourism



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and Heritage, the tour began in Stone Town – a UNESCO World Heritage Site rich with centuries of history. There, they visited historical landmarks, including museums chronicling the era of Sultan rule and the tombs of former sultans, and learned about Zanzibar’s role in East African history.

The group also visited the Tanzanite Museum, where they watched a short film detailing the history and discovery of the rare gemstone – found only in Tanzania and said to be 1,000 times rarer than diamonds. The exhibit included a tunnel replicating the mining environment, demonstrating the gem’s extraction and market journey. Diplomats then visited the museum’s exclusive Tanzanite store, where many made purchases of Tanzanite-adorned items.

To complete their island experience, the diplomats enjoyed a marine excursion aboard a semi-submarine, which took them near Bawe Island to view the Classic Coral Reef and witness the magical underwater life of the Indian Ocean. Diplomats were able to spot coral reef species and fishes including Nemo and Dory main characters of the famous Hollywood Movie Finding Nemo.

Before concluding their Stone Town visit, they were treated to an energetic water-jumping performance by the Makachu Divers at Forodhani Gardens – a vibrant reflection of Zanzibar’s hospitality.

The four-day tour concluded in Kizimkazi, the birthplace of President Dr. Samia, before the diplomats returned to Dar es Salaam – some by plane and others via the modern Azam VIII ferry.

Somalia’s Ambassador to Tanzania, H.E. Ilyas Ali Hassan, speaking on behalf of his fellow diplomats who travelled by ferry, offered heartfelt thanks: “Tanzania’s tourism is the pride of Africa. The warmth of its people and the quality of service have left a lasting impression on us. Truly, this was a historic and unforgettable visit.”

Diplomatic Safari and Tour is an initiative by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, implemented in partnership with private sector stakeholders such as NMB Bank, TANTOUR Platform, the Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB), and the Zanzibar Commission for Tourism. The goal is to leverage economic diplomacy to boost international tourism and position Tanzania as the number one travel destination in the world.

Through this tour, the participating diplomats have become voluntary ambassadors for Tanzania, promoting the country abroad through diplomatic platforms, social media, media outlets, and their influence – ultimately helping to attract more tourists and strengthen international relations through tourism.

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Tanzania Champions Economic Diplomacy by Unveiling Diplomatic Safari and Tour Showcasing Tourism Potential

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has successfully concluded the Diplomatic Safari and Tour 2025, an ambitious initiative that brought together ambassadors and heads of international organizations based in Tanzania to experience firsthand the country's unique tourism offerings – a major stride in using diplomacy as a bridge for economic development.

The tour was officially launched on April 11, 2025, by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Energy, Hon. Doto Mashaka Biteko (MP), at Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) in Dar es Salaam, just moments before approximately 25 foreign diplomats alongside their Tanzanian counterparts boarded a flight to Seronera Airstrip in the heart of the world-renowned Serengeti National Park.

In his remarks, Hon. Biteko emphasized that the tour is part of Tanzania's evolving Foreign Policy, which embraces Economic Diplomacy as a key pillar – aiming to promote investment, tourism, and trade through strategic international engagement. He credited the visionary leadership of Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, for the country's enhanced visibility on the global tourism map.

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Minister Kombo Inaugurates SAS –CFR Governing Council

By Rose Shayo

Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo (MP), has officially inaugurated the Governing Council of the Dr Salim Ahmed Salim Centre for Foreign Relations (SAS-CFR) during a ceremony held in June, 2025, at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking during the inauguration Minister Kombo highlighted the strategic significance of the Centre as a vital institution for cultivating Tanzania's future diplomatic workforce and expressed confidence in the newly appointed council's ability to provide visionary leadership and effective oversight to strengthen the centre's profile both nationally and internationally.

He urged the Council to prioritise building the capacity, professionalism, and confidence of SAS-CFR students and to align its efforts with the strategic goals set out in the Centre's guidelines and Tanzania's Foreign Policy Framework.

Speaking at the ceremony, SAS-CFR Council Chairperson Ambassador Ramadhan Mwinyi expressed his gratitude to the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Her Excellency Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan, for the confidence she placed in him through his appointment. He reaffirmed the Council's commitment to fulfilling its duties with professionalism, diligence, and integrity.

The newly appointed members of the Governing Council include Ambassador Ramadhan Dau, Ambassador Togolani Mavura, Ms Chiku Kiguhe, Dr Lucy Shule, Ms Assumpta Meena, and Mr Abdulrahim Kangezi.

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Minister Kombo Inaugurates AICC Board of Directors

By Rose Shayo

Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo (MP) has officially inaugurated the Board of Directors of the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC) at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) in Dar es Salaam on 5th June, 2025

Minister Kombo urged the new board to focus on improving AICC's performance and global competitiveness, particularly within the Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE) tourism sector. He congratulated Ambassador Dr Jilly Maleko on her appointment as Board Chairperson by President Samia Suluhu Hassan, expressing full support for her leadership.

The Minister stressed the importance of collaboration and strategic oversight, especially regarding the upcoming Mount Kilimanjaro International Convention Centre (MK-ICC) project, which will feature a 5,000-seat conference hall, luxury hotels, and modern shopping facilities.

In her remarks, Ambassador Dr Maleko thanked the President for her trust and committed to working with the board to meet its responsibilities. Other board members include a mix of ambassadors and professionals from various sectors, reflecting a diverse and experienced team.



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Minister Kombo Meets Editors in Dar Es Salaam, Outlines New Direction of Tanzania Foreign Policy 2024 Edition



By Sheiba Bulu

Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, met with media editors in Dar es Salaam to outline the key features of Tanzania's 2024 Revised Foreign Policy, officially launched on 19 May 2025.

He explained that the updated policy builds on the 2001 framework and is designed to address emerging political, economic, and social challenges while safeguarding national interests.

Ambassador Kombo highlighted that the revised policy emphasizes sovereignty, democracy, human rights, good neighbourliness, and economic diplomacy. It also aims to deepen regional and international cooperation, promote Kiswahili globally, involve the diaspora in development, and address cross-cutting issues such as environmental protection, gender equality, youth empowerment, and the blue economy.

He acknowledged past policy successes, such as enhanced regional cooperation and Tanzania's growing global leadership, while noting challenges including cross-border crime, weak diaspora engagement, and limited international promotion of Kiswahili.

Key strategies under the new policy include increasing tourism, improving market access for Tanzanian products, strengthening customs and constitutional adherence, and developing systems to manage international agreements more effectively.

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Parliament Approves Ministry's Budget for the 2025/2026 Financial Year



By Rosemary Malale

The Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania approved the budget estimates for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation for the 2025/2026 financial year, amounting to Tshs. 340,538,614,000. Out of this amount, TSh 294,998,588,000 is allocated for recurrent expenditure and TSh 45,540,026,000 for development expenditure.

The budget estimate was presented by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo (MP), and Parliament approved it while commending the Ministry for effectively executing its duties during the 2024/2025 financial year and for its strategic planning for the 2025/2026 fiscal year, including implementation of the revised 2001 Foreign Policy, 2024 Edition.

In his presentation, Hon. Ambassador Kombo informed the Parliament that the ministry had significantly fulfilled its core responsibilities during the 2024/2025 financial year. These included safeguarding Tanzania's interests abroad and completing the review of the 2001 Foreign Policy, whose 2024 Edition was officially launched by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan, on May 19, 2025.

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Hon. Kombo stated that the updated policy places strong emphasis on economic diplomacy, including expanding markets for Tanzanian goods abroad, promoting and attracting investment opportunities, tourism, and the blue economy. It also encourages the diaspora's participation in national development and promotes the use of Kiswahili as a diplomatic tool for economic benefits.

Additionally, the policy sets a new foundation for preserving the traditions, customs, and culture of Tanzania. He urged ministries, independent departments, regional secretariats, and local government authorities to integrate the objectives of the 2024 Edition of the Foreign Policy into their planning and programmes.

"I urge ministries, institutions, independent departments, regional secretariats, and local government authorities to incorporate the objectives of the 2024 Foreign Policy Edition into their plans and programmes as outlined in the implementation strategy to enable our nation to reap maximum benefits," emphasised Hon. Minister Kombo.

Furthermore, he stressed that Tanzania will continue to play a leading role in peaceful conflict resolution and participating in regional and international peacekeeping operations. As of May 2025, Tanzania had 1,890 peacekeepers, ranking 11th among the 119 countries contributing troops to United Nations peacekeeping missions.

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On bilateral issues, Hon. Kombo noted that about 42 meetings of Permanent Joint Commissions for Cooperation (JPCs) and Joint Cooperation Commissions (JCCs), as well as political consultations between Tanzania and various countries, were held. These meetings have enabled Tanzania to protect and advance its national interests through bilateral cooperation.

Regarding diaspora affairs, he stated that the ministry has remained actively engaged in coordinating and promoting the participation of the diaspora in Tanzania's economic, educational, and social development. This includes linking them with institutions to facilitate their access to services and products that support national development. In 2024, the diaspora invested Tshs 7.5 billion in the UTT-AMIS Joint Investment Fund, up from Tshs 6.4 billion in 2023.

"According to data from the Bank of Tanzania (BoT), remittances from the diaspora between July and December 2024 amounted to Tshs. 2,116,188,355,632.06, compared to Tshs. 2,045,855,200,000 in the same period in 2023. These funds have significantly improved the livelihoods of families, supported investments, and contributed to the growth of the financial sector," said Hon. Kombo.

Lastly, the minister's budget speech outlined key priorities for the ministry for 2025/2026, including strengthening bilateral coordination and cooperation, enhancing Tanzania's participation in regional and international organisations, safeguarding national interests, and promoting political diplomacy and closer ties with partner countries.



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Minister Kombo Urges Traditional Chiefs to Strengthen Cooperation with the Government

By Rose Mbilinyi and Sheiba Bulu

Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo (MP), met with traditional chiefs from the Majimaji War Zone in the Southern Highlands at the ministry's headquarters in Dodoma. He urged them to continue supporting government efforts through their cultural leadership and to play an active role in advancing cultural diplomacy under Tanzania's foreign policy.

Minister Kombo reaffirmed the government's support for traditional leaders, highlighting President Samia Suluhu Hassan's recognition of their importance through her participation in annual Chiefs' festivals. He called for improved coordination among chiefs, including maintaining accurate records and establishing a national constitution for traditional leaders to facilitate international recognition and access to opportunities.

He shared his past experience in Zanzibar, where he helped institutionalise traditional medicine, and expressed the ministry's readiness to collaborate with the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports to build capacity for chiefs to engage internationally. Chiefs were encouraged to sensitise their communities about global opportunities—such as 1,000 jobs in Qatar and 10,000 upcoming positions in the UAE—being facilitated by the government.

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He also pledged to engage with their counterparts from Southern African countries to further expand collaboration between traditional leaders from the Majimaji Zone and those in neighbouring countries, with the aim of strengthening regional unity grounded in shared culture, peace, and sustainable development.



During the meeting, the chiefs expressed their commitment to collaborating with the ministry to promote peace and stability, particularly in border areas, through partnerships with their counterparts in neighbouring countries and emphasised the importance of advancing the philosophy of the Mwenge wa Uhuru (Torch of Freedom) to inspire cross-border peace and unity and highlighted priority areas for cooperation with chiefs from neighbouring nations, including the exchange of early warning information and mutual opportunities of benefit to their communities.

The Chiefs also announced their plans to host the Chief Hangaya Mtembele Festival in Mtwara Region, which will showcase the rich cultural heritage and tourism potential of the southern corridor. The festival will bring together the Yao ethnic communities from Tanzania, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Malawi, fostering cultural ties and shared experiences.

They said the festival will provide a platform to exchange knowledge and best practices on preserving and promoting cultural values that are common among the countries of the region. and reaffirmed their role as custodians of peace, justice, and integrity in society, while encouraging communities to respect national laws and regulations and be vigilant about the cultural impacts of globalisation.

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Government Repatriates Tanzanians Stranded in Iran and Israel



► President Samia Congratulated for Wise Decision

By Ally Kondo

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania once again repatriated its citizens stranded in Israel and Iran, following the direct exchange of strikes between those nations during their recent 12-day war, which began on 13th June 2025.

President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan, soon after the eruption of the direct strikes between the two nations, directed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation to coordinate trips to

return immediately the stranded citizens in those nations.

Working on the directives of H.E. Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan, the ministry through the embassies of Tanzania to Israel, UAE, and Turkey arranged flights where the stranded Tanzanians began to arrive in the country through Julius Nyerere International Airport and Abeid Amani Karume International Airport in Zanzibar on 25th June 2025 and were received by the government officials.

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Upon their arrival at the Julius Nyerere International Airport, they were received by the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Dr Samwel Shelukindo, along with other officials, including Director of the Government Communication Unit, Ambassador Mindi Kasiga.

Ambassador Shelukindo told the journalists present at the airport that the return of those Tanzanians is the continuation of the longstanding practice of the Tanzanian government to rescue its citizens stranded in conflict areas. He said in recent years, the government returned Tanzanians stranded in Sudan following the civil war that erupted in April 2023 and Israel, when Hamas waged the deadliest attack on Jews in the same year.

With this governmental humanitarian habit of coordinating and financing the return trips from conflict countries, the returned citizens expressed their highest gratitude to President Samia

and her government. With tears filling their eyes, upon their arrival at the airport and finding their family members, they expressed sincere gratitude to the government and President Samia for their tireless commitment to serving the welfare of Tanzanians, especially during the dangerous period.

“With a joyful and grateful heart, I thank your office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania, as well as the entire government of President Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan, for the great efforts you made to ensure that my family and I returned home to Tanzania from the war-torn country of Iran at that time.” Mr Ahmed Rashid Ahmed was quoted as saying.

During the reception, Ambassador Shelukindo urged all Tanzanians to take these events as a lesson to continue safeguarding our values of stability and peace, as frequently advised by the government under President Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan.



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26 Youth Selected for the Mandela Washington Fellowship Programme 2025 in the US

By Ally Kondo

The 26 youth selected for the 2025 Mandela Washington Fellowship Program have been reminded that their selection is not by chance but a recognition of their meaningful contributions and impact within their communities.

This message was conveyed by the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Said Shaib Mussa, during a farewell address to the participants in Dodoma on May 30, 2025. Ambassador Mussa encouraged the fellows to take full advantage of this opportunity for learning and growth, noting that the United States is a country known for its advanced economic and technological development. He also emphasised that the programme would enable them to interact with people from diverse backgrounds, further enriching their experiences and broadening their perspectives.

The youth are scheduled to travel to the United States in June and return in August 2025. They have been encouraged to serve as positive ambassadors for Tanzania throughout their time abroad.



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“You will promote our country’s image by adhering to the laws of the host nation, showcasing the rich culture of Tanzania, and articulating the remarkable features of our country, such as Mount Kilimanjaro, wildlife parks, lakes, rivers, and infrastructure development,” stated Ambassador Mussa.

He further highlighted that their participation in the programme is a testament to the strong and enduring diplomatic ties between Tanzania and the United States, which have flourished since their establishment in 1961.

Since its establishment in 2014, the Mandela Washington Fellowship programme has supported and empowered over 6,500 young leaders from across the African continent. The initiative aims to empower young leaders by equipping them with the skills and knowledge necessary to drive positive economic, political, and social change across the continent.

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Nje Sports Affirms Sports Diplomacy at the 2025 Mei Mosi Games

By Tatu Lugusa

The sports team from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, known as Nje Sports, has effectively embodied the principles of sports diplomacy through its remarkable participation in the 2025 Mei Mosi Games held in Singida Region.

These games were part of the national festivities leading up to International Labour Day, commemorated annually on May 1st across the globe.

By engaging in a variety of sporting activities, Nje Sports demonstrated that sports are more than just a recreational pursuit, they serve as a powerful tool for building relationships, enhancing cooperation, and fostering unity among government institutions, the private sector, and development partners.

Nje Sports participated in multiple activities, including football, netball, 100-meter sprints, tug of war, the traditional board game bao, and card games. This inclusive participation reflected the Ministry's commitment to nurturing diverse talent within its workforce.

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In football, Nje Sports reached the knockout stage and secured fourth place out of 32 competing teams drawn from various ministries and public institutions, an impressive achievement that underscored the team's rigorous preparation and strong competitive spirit.

In the 100-meter sprint, Ms. Anita Mwamafupa clinched third place, highlighting individual talent within the team and affirming the Ministry's support for personal athletic excellence.

In the tug of war, team showcased exceptional teamwork and unwavering morale, captivating spectators and playing a key role in uplifting the overall spirit of the delegation.

In traditional games such as bao and card competitions, Nje Sports proudly represented the Ministry, demonstrating deep knowledge and skill in Tanzania's indigenous sports.

The Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Said Shaib Mussa who also serves as the Manager of the Nje Sports team, visited the team's camp in Singida Region and held discussions with the athletes and the national organizing committee of the Labour Day Games.

During the meeting, the Chairperson of the National Labour Day Games, Ms. Roselyn Massam, commended the Ministry for its sponsorship and exemplary participation in the event. She highlighted that the Ministry's contribution had inspired enthusiasm and served as a model for how public institutions can actively promote unity and wellness through sports.



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Construction of the Ministry Headquarters Reaches 90% Completion



By Teodos Komba

The construction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Headquarters office, located in the Government City of Mtumba in Dodoma, has reached 90% completion and is on track for finalisation by August 2025.

This was revealed on May 6, 2025, by the project manager, Ms Ensi Japhet, during a visit by the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation responsible for East African Affairs, Hon. Dennis Londo (MP), who toured the project to observe its progress.

Deputy Minister Londo, speaking with the project manager, Ms Ensi Japhet, expressed his satisfaction with the progress achieved so far. He commended the team's efforts and urged the contractor to maintain both the high quality of work and the current pace to ensure the project is completed and handed over on schedule.

During the tour, Deputy Minister Londo was accompanied by the Assistant Director of Administration, Mr Kawina Kawina, and Engineer Uyoub Kingunde from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation.

The building, which will cost approximately 22.9 billion Tanzanian shillings upon completion, began construction in January 2022. Funded by the government, the project aims to establish the ministry with a permanent office in the government city, enhancing efficiency and streamlining service delivery to citizens.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs and African Diplomatic Group Host African Day Marathon in Dar es Salaam

- **Ethiopian Women Dominate the 21KM Africa Day Marathon**



By sheiba Bulu

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, in collaboration with the African Diplomatic Group in Tanzania, hosted the Africa Day Marathon in Dar es Salaam to commemorate Africa Day—celebrated on May 25—marking the 62nd anniversary of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), now the African Union.

The marathon featured 5 km, 10 km, and 21 km races and drew participation from diplomats, government officials, local runners, and international athletes.

The marathon, held in the heart of Dar es Salaam, started and ended at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC), featuring three competitive race categories: 5 kilometers, 10 kilometers, and 21 kilometers (half marathon). The event brought together a diverse group of participants, including diplomats, government officials, local running enthusiasts, and international athletes.

Ethiopian female athletes dominated the women's 21 km race, securing two of the top four positions. Azam Herfoyo from Ethiopia won the race with a time of 1:11:49, while Tanzanian Faraja Damas won the men's 21 km race in 1:02:34. Winners across all categories received cash prizes. A special recognition was given to 10-year-old Jefferson Amos, who completed the 10 km race.

Speaking on behalf of the minister, Ambassador Dr. Samwel Shelukindo, who also ran the 21 km race, emphasized the event's growing international character and announced plans to invite athletes from more African countries in future editions.

The event was supported by GSM, TCB Bank, GardaWorld, EFM, Infocus, and the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI).

