

Latra kutangaza watoa huduma tiketi mtandaoni

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Dar es Salaam. Mamlaka ya Udhibiti Usafiri Ardhini (Latra) inatarajiwa kuanzia leo kutangaza orodha ya watoa huduma wa tiketi mtandao wa mabasi waliofanikiwa kuunganisha mfumo wao na wa Serikali.

Kwa mujibu wa Latra, watoa huduma ambao mfumo wao wa tiketi mtandao hausomani na mfumo ya Serikali hawataruhusiwa kuendelea na shughuli wanazofanya.

Hatua hii inakuja baada ya Latra kutoa noti ya miezi miwili ikiwataka watoa huduma wote wa tiketi mtandaoni kuun-

ganisha mfumo yao na Mfumo wa Tiketi za Usafiri wa Latra pamoja na Mfumo wa Usimamizi wa Mashine za Kielektroniki za Kodi wa Mamlaka ya Mapato Tanzania (EFDMS) kabla ya leo.

Mkuu wa Kitengo cha Mawasiliano Latra, Salum Pazy alisema timu ya wataalamu inaendelea kukamilisha uhakiki wa watoa huduma waliokidhi vigezo.

"Huduma za mabasi zitaendelea kama kawaida, lakini kuanzia leo tutachapisha orodha ya watoa huduma waliotibitishwa. Orodha hii itasambazwa kwa waendeshaji wa usafiri, kampuni zilizotambuliwa pekee

Julai mosi

Siku ambayo Latra inatangaza orodha ya watoa huduma wa tiketi mtandaoni

ndizo zitakazoruhusiwa kutoa huduma za tiketi mtandaoni," alisema.

Pazy alisema ni watoa huduma wachache hadi sasa ndio wamekamilisha usajili na kuunganisha mfumo yao na mfumo ya Serikali.

Alisema utekelezaji wa agizo hilo ni sehemu ya mwendelezo wa usimamizi wa kanuni za tiketi za kielektroniki za Latra za mwaka 2024, zilizochapishwa katika Gazeti la Serikali Na. 20 la Januari 12, 2024.

Mpango huu unalenga kuimarisha usimamizi wa sekta ya usafiri wa nchi

kavu, kuongeza uwazi kati ka ukusanyaji wa mapato na kuboresha ubora wa huduma kwa abiria.

Pazy alipongeza waendeshaji watatumia mfumo yao binafsi endapo itakidhi matakwa ya kisheria au kushirikiana na watoa huduma waliotibitishwa na Latra.

Aidha, alibainisha Latra kwa kushirikiana na Kitengo cha Usalama Barabarani cha Jeshi la Polisi, wataendelea kufanya ukaguzi nchi nzima kuhakikisha masharti ya leseni, usalama, uwekaji wa alama kwenye mizigo na

matumizi ya tiketi mtandaoni kama inavyotakiwa kisheria intekelezwa.

Hadi sasa baadhi ya watoa huduma waliosajiliwa ni Kampuni ya Logix, Kampuni ni Itule, Kampuni ya Bus-bora, Duarani Innovate Ltd, Web Corporation Tanzania Ltd, Hashtech Tanzania Ltd, Kampuni ya Otapp Agency Ltd, Sepa Tech Ltd,

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Julai 1, 2025*

Ajali iliyotokea Same iwe somo madereva kuongeza umakini

ZAIDI ya watu 38 wamefariki dunia na wengine 30 kujeruhiwa katika ajali iliyotokea eneo la Sabasaba, Kata ya Same, wilayani Same, mkoani Kilimanjaro.

Ajali hiyo iliyotokea mwishoni mwa wiki ilisababishwa na magari mawili kugongana uso kwa uso na kusababisha kulipuka moto ulioteketeza roho za watu hao na wengine kubaki na vilema vya maisha.

Tunaungana na Rais Dk. Samia Suluhu Hassan kutuma salamu za pole kwa Mkuu wa Mkoa wa Kilimanjaro, Nurdin Babu, ndugu, jamaa na marafiki wa marehemu.

Kama hiyo haitoshi, Rais Dk. Samia aliwakumbusha madereva kuzingatia hotuba yake aliyoitoa Juni 27, mwaka huu, alipohitimisha shughuli za Bunge la 12, waendeleo kuzingatia kwa umakini mkubwa sheria za usalama barabarani na kulitaka Jeshi la Polisi kuzidi kusimamia kikamilifu sheria hizo.

Japokuwa ajali hazina kinga, tunawasisitiza madereva kuongeza umakini barabarani kwa kuzingatia sheria zilizopo kuepusha simanzi na vifo vitokanavyo na ajali.

Madereva wanapaswa kutii matakwa ya sheria kwa kuendesha mwendo kulingana na maelekezo ya vibao vilivyowekwa barabarani yakiwemo matuta.

Hata hivyo, inasikitisha kukuta baadhi ya madereva wakiendesha magari kwa mwendo kasi zaidi hali inayodhihirisha wanapuuza maelekezo ya vibao hivyo na matokeo yake kujikuta wakisababisha ajali zinazogharimu maisha ya watu na mali zao.

Japokuwa Jeshi la Polisi limesema kilichosababisha ajali iliyotokea wiki iliyopita ni kupasuka kwa tairi ambalo lilikuwa chanzo cha basi kubwa la abiria kuyumba na kwenda kuligonga gari dogo, hivyo moto kulipuka na kuunguza baadhi ya watu.

Tunaendelea kuwasisitiza madereva kuendesha magari kwa mwendo unaohitajika kisheria kutasaidia maisha ya abiria kubaki salama, kwani hata ajali zikitokea hazitasababisha athari kubwa kama iliyotokea Same au maeneo mengine nchini.

Pia, Jeshi la Polisi liongeze ukaguzi wa magari yote kuhakikisha usalama wa watumiaji wa vyombo hivyo wanaendelea kubaki salama.

Tunatambua juhudi kubwa za jeshi hilo zinazofanywa barabarani kudhibiti ajali, lakini mikakati hiyo iongezwe kwa kuwatoza faini kubwa baadhi ya madereva, kuongeza adhabu ya vifungo na kuzifutia leseni kampuni zenye mabasi yenye matukio mengi ya ajali.

Tunaamini kuchukuliwa kwa hatua hizo ikiwemo kutoa elimu kuhusu umuhimu wa kuheshimu sheria za usalama barabarani, kutapunguza au kumaliza ajali hizo kabisa.



Mkurugenzi Mtendaji wa Halamshauri ya Igunga, Selwa Hamid (aliyekaa) akisoma nyaraka mbalimbali za miradi ikiwamo Mnada wa Ibologero. Pembani yake ni Mkuu wa Idara ya Kilimo, Mifugo na Uvuvi Wilaya hiyo, Grace Nyamwanji. Picha na Abdallah Amir

Wakwepa tiketi mtandao ni 'wahujumu uchumi'

DAR ES SALAAM

NA KULWA KAREDISA

Huu ni ulimwengu wa kidijitali. Hili ndilo neno sahihi ambalo unaweza kuitumia wakati huu. Nasema hivi kwa sababu ile tabia ya kila mtaka huduma lazima afunge safari kwenda ofisi husika, imeondoka kutokana na mabadiliko ya teknolojia ya kila kitu kufanyika kwa njia ya mtandao.

Kwa msingi huo, serikali yetu nayo iliamua kufanya kila linalowezekeka ili wananchi wake nao wasiachwe nyuma kwenye mabadiliko haya ambayo hakika yamekuwa mkombozi mkubwa.

Utakubaliana nami, inapokuja hatua kama hii wapo watakoifurahia na wengine watanuna kwa kuwa mirja yao ya upigaji inakuwa imekatwa.

Taasisi ambayo imepewa jukumu hili ni Mamlaka ya Udhidhiti wa Usafiri Ardhiini (LATRA). Mamlaka hii ndiyo inasimamia shughuli zote za usafiri usiku na mchana. Juni 23, mwaka huu ilitoa taarifa kwa vyombo vya habari ikiwataka watoa huduma za mfumo wa tiketi mtandao, wamiliki wa mabasi na Chama cha Wamiliki wa Mabasi Tanzania (TABOA) kurahisisha utaoji wa huduma za usafiri.

Kutokana na hali hiyo, mamlaka ili wataka kila mmoja kukamilisha matakwa ya kisheria, kwa mujibu wa sheria, kabla ya leo Julai mosi. Tunaambiwa mifumo hiyo itapewa kibali baada ya malamka kujiridhisha kuwa imekidhi vigezo. Hili ni jambo zuri.

Tunaamini ujio wa mtandao huu unakuwa na manufaa makubwa kwa nchi yetu na wananchi wa kawaida ambao mara nyingi ndio waathirika wakubwa pindi wanapokwenda kupata huduma hizi.

Wananchi wanaathirika mno kutokana na kuibiwa fedha nyingi na wajanja ambao wamegeuza sehemu za kuhudumia abiria kuwa ofisi za kujipatia kipato kila

kukicha, lakini ujio huu wa tiketi mtandao ni kiboko.

Kwanza, nianze kwa kuipongeza LATRA kwa uamuzi wake huu ambao umeonyesha namna ambavyo imedhamiria kuhudumia Watananzania kwa weledi mkubwa na kulinda haki zao za msingi.

Pia hatua ya mamlaka hii inasaidia serikali kupata mapato yake kihalali, tofauti na miaka ya nyuma. Tangu ilipoanzisha utaratibu huu miaka kadhaa iliyopita kumekuwa manufaa makubwa. Ninaamini kila mmoja wetu atakubaliana nami katika hili.

Mamia ya abiria ambao walikuwa wanapandishiwa nauli kiholela na wapiga debe sasa mambo yamebadilika kwa kiasi kikubwa, kwa sababu tiketi mtandao zimeondoa au kupunguza kero hii.

Wamiliki wa mabasi nao ninaamini ni wanufaika wakubwa tangu kazi ya utaoji tiketi hizi ilipoanza, wameondokana na usumbufu mkubwa wa kupoteza mapato yao ambavyo yalikuwa yanaishia mikononi mwa wajanja. Kwa msingi huo, leo ninasimama kidete na LATRA kwa kuiunga mkono kuwa watoa huduma wote ambao wameshindwa kujisajili ndani ya muda uliopangwa wachukuliwe hatua kali.

Moja wapo ya hatua hizo ni kuwazuia kutoa huduma ili wajue sheria ipo. Nalisema hili kwa sababu walipewa muda wa kutosha lakini wameshindwa kutekeleza agizo halali la serikali.

LATRA kama wapo wamiliki ambao wamekaidi agizo hili msiwaonee huruma, hatutaki waturudishe tuliko toka. Huu ni wakati wa mabadiliko ulimwenguni. Mmiliki asiyetaka kujisajili kwenye mfumo huu ni sawa na mhujumu uchumi, ashughulikiwe kwa mujibu wa sheria.

Hatuwezi kukubali kuendelea na kundi la watu wasiotaka mabadiliko. Hawa ni wahujumu uchumi kama walivyo wengine, wachukuliwe hatua za kisheria.

Tunaamini kodi hizi ambazo zinapitia kwenye mifumo halali ya serikali ndizo zinasaidia serikali kujenga barabara, hospitali, madaraja na mengine mengi.

MAONI

Tunaweza kupunguza ajali za barabarani

Ajali za barabarani ni miongoni mwa majanga makubwa yanayolikabili au kulikumba taifa kwa muda mrefu, yakiacha huzuni na kumbukumbu za kutisha kwa maelfu kama si mamilioni ya Watananzania.

Miaka kadhaa iliyopita Rais wa Uganda, Yoweri Museveni, aliwambia mahujaji wa Kitanzania waliohudhuria maadhimisho ya Siku ya Mwalimu Julius Nyerere (Nyerere Day) nchini humo kuwa ajali za barabarani kwa Tanzania ni shetani anayekunywa damu za watu.

Museveni anasema tofauti na Uganda yenye kumbukumbu mbaya ya umwagaji damu kwa miaka mingi kutokana na tawala za kibabe na vita ya wenyewe kwa wenyewe, damu ya Watananzania wengi humwagika barabarani.

Juni 2 ya kila mwaka Uganda huadhimisha Kumbukumbu ya Mwalimu Nyerere, ikiambatanana na ibada ya Misa Takatifu kumwomba kuwa Mtakatifu; ikiwa ni siku moja kabla ya maadhimisho ya sherehe za Siku ya Mashahidi wa Uganda.

Kauli ya Museveni ina mashikilwa kuwa ni ukweli kwamba Tanzania imekuwa mbwa na jinamizi la ajali za barabarani kubwa kila mwaka bila dalili za kukoma.

Tunafahamu kuwapo kwa juhudi za serikali kupitia Kikosi cha Usalama kila mwaka za kupunguza ajali hizo, na kwamba kwa miaka mingi zimefanikiwa kuliko ilivyokuwa miaka 10 nyuma.

Lakini muarobaini wa jali hizi ni upi? Hapa ndipo ambapo kama taifa tunapaswa kukaa, kujadiliana na kuamua kwa umoja wetu kwamba sasa kifike kipindi cha kupingana na msembo kwamba 'ajali haina kinga'.

Watananzania kwa umoja wetu tunapaswa kukubaliana kuwa barabara zetu kuu takriban zote zimezidiwa na wingi wa magari kutokana na kuongezeka kwa idadi ya watu, sambamba na shughuli za kiuchumi.

Barabara zilizoipimwa na kujengwa miaka 30 iliyopita, yaani miaka ya 1990; ndizo hizo hizo zinazotumika kwa vipimo vilevile leo mwaka 2025 bila kuzingatia ukweli kwamba vipimo hivyo vimepitwa na wakati.

Msiba unaondelea kuomboleza mjini Same, Kilimanjaro kutokana na magari mawili ya abiria kugongana, kisha kuwaka moto, ni ishara inayotukumbusha kwamba sekta yetu ya barabara inahitaji kuboreshwa.

Sasa umefika wakati wa Tanzania kutenga fungu la bajeti kwa ajili ya kupanua barabara zote kuu nchi nzima, kwa kuzigeuza kuwa zenye barabara nne; mbili za kwenda na mbili za kurudi.

Tunaamini kwamba hata kama mradi huu utaligharimu taifa fedha nyingi, lakini ndiyo njia pekee ya kupunguza kwa kiwango kikubwa ajali hizi zinazoacha simanzi na ulemavu wa kudumu kwa Watananzania.

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Deputy Prime Minister and Energy Minister Dr Doto Biteko addresses the inaugural two-day Nuclear Energy Innovation Summit for Africa (NEISA 2025) in Kigali, Rwanda, yesterday. Hosted by Rwanda, it was scheduled to see experts and policymakers explore and react to accelerating the transition. Photo: DPMO

Joy over 1.06trn/- revenue earnings in minerals sector, surpassing target

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By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

OVER 1.06trn/- in revenue was collected from the mining sector in the July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 financial year. Yahya Samamba, the Minerals ministry permanent secretary, cited this achievement at the closing ceremony for the ministerial staff annual bonanza, noting that the sector's revenue collections had surpassed the 1trn/- revenue target for the financial year. There were no new mines opened during

the year and still revenue collections rose significantly, he said, noting that efficiency and further growth of existing mining operations explain this result. "In previous years, we never approached 900bn/-, but this year we have collected an average of 84bn/- per month," he said, underlining that the ministry was now targeting 1.2trn/- for fiscal 2025-26. He urged ministerial staff and the various stakeholders to intensify their efforts in re-

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Two-bus crash toll rises to 39: Govt to cover funeral costs

By Godfrey Mush, Same

THE death toll from the devastating head-on bus collision in Same District, Kilimanjaro Region has inched up to 39, after a critically injured victim succumbed to burn wounds in hospital.

Nuridin Babu, the regional commissioner, said in a late interview yesterday that the newly succumbed passenger has been recognized by his relatives, though he did not have the name of the deceased at hand.

In an earlier press briefing, the RC had confirmed the deaths of 38 individuals who lost their lives on the scene upon collision impact and fire outbreak of the two buses involved in the disaster.

The Saturday evening crash shocked the nation's conscience, with President Samia Suluhu Hassan saying the sad event is a national tragedy, while the RC yesterday reiterated the government's commitment to cover full funeral expenses for those who died in the horrific incident.

The accident occurred in the Sabasaba area, just outside Same town, involving a Channel One Co. bus (T 19 CNY) and a Toyota Coaster mini-bus (T 199 EPX), colliding head-on and bursting into flames.

SACP Simon Mawera, the regional police commander, attributed the cause of the crash to the Channel One bus, a Fuso make, suffering a front-right tyre burst and

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TRC begins SGR freight service with 700 tonnes

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

TRANSPORTATION of goods has entered a new stage as goods now leave Dar es Salaam in the morning and are delivered in Dodoma four hours later, the railway authorities claim.

Focus Sahani, the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) director of transport services, made this affirmation here yesterday, highlighting the SGR freight ser-

vice logistical advantage over traditional road transport.

"Moving 700 tonnes by road would need more than 20 trucks," he said, noting that the SGR freight service simplifies bulk transport and slashes turnaround time significantly.

Urging the business community to embrace the new facility, he said that initial operation just conducted is only the beginning, as TRC plans to rapidly

increase the railway's capacity, to reach 1,500 tonnes and later up to 2,000 tonnes in one haul as infrastructure and operational capabilities expand.

"This kind of efficiency is a game-changer for time-sensitive cargo," he declared, focusing on the speed and dependability of the service.

TRC has ushered in a new era of logistics efficiency, officially launching its SGR

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Manyoni District Council executive director Anastazia Tutuba (2nd-R) looks on as a small-scale miner (R) goes about his routine duties. She was on a recent assessment tour of artisanal mining sites at Londoni Village in Makuru Ward. Photo: Correspondent Tobias Mwanakatwe



Government lists 73 projects complying with carbon trading national framework

By Guardian Reporter

A TOTAL of 73 carbon projects have been initiated across the country, with 69 currently in various stages of registration, four already actively under implementation, since the government adopted revised carbon trading regulations, came into effect he explained, showcasing tangible progress in the sector.

Hamad Yusuf Masauni (pictured), the Union and Environment state minister in the Vice President's Office (VPO), made this affirmation after receiving an assessment report on carbon trading trends locally, in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

He said that Tanzania is strategically positioning carbon trading as a pivotal instrument in its fight against climate change, fostering national and international efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Carbon trading regulations encourage participation from individuals, institutions and private firms as lately the government has strengthened regulatory oversight, he stated.

This robust framework includes the Carbon Trading Regulations established in 2022 (and amended in 2023), alongside the creation of the National Carbon Monitoring Centre (NCMC), he specified.

The NCMC plays a crucial role in project registration, facilitating effective monitoring and greenhouse gas verification, apart from conducting stakeholder education

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enue collection, adding that the mining sector is a key contributor to domestic revenue.

He alluded to reminders by President Samia Suluhu Hassan concerning strengthening revenue collections to augment the country's efforts to become self-reliant in its development objectives.

He praised staff at the ministry and its affiliated institutions, attributing the surpassing of the target to their staff dedication and collaborative spirit. Unity and professionalism need to be fostered to expand the sector's contribution to the wider economy, he stated.

He listed major government agencies supervised by the ministry, like the Geological Survey of Tanzania (GST), the Tanzania Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (TEITI), the Mining Commission, the Tanzania Geological Centre (TGC), asserting that staff in these agencies and in the ministry are all part of this success and must work together. Inter-institutional synergy is vital, he stated.

He praised the government's strategic decision to begin purchasing gold as an aspect of currency reserves, affirming that it is a crucial move that strengthens the country's financial security.

It is a significant shift from previous years when gold reserves were not prioritized while the central bank is now tasked with purchasing 20 percent of the gold they obtain from BoT to boost currency stability.

The ministry's leadership would make visits to meet with staff in the various ministerial institutions to hear the challenges they face and how to address them, he said, asking civil servants to actively participate in the upcoming national elections.

Dr Janeth Lekashingo, chairperson of the Mining Commission, stressed on the spirit of unity, urging workers to build strong relationships and embrace a culture of exercise for improved health and productivity.

Ramadhan Lwimo, the commission's executive secretary, underscored the importance of physical fitness in boosting workplace performance, at an event celebrating achievements, promoting staff well-being and institutional solidarity.

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causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle.

The bus veered into the opposite lane, leading to the fatal collision with the minibus, he explained, while the RIC was yesterday briefing on the convening of the disaster committee chaired by a deputy permanent secretary at the Prime Minister's Office.

The committee will receive a working assessment of the incident so that the government can assist with funeral arrangements once the bodies arrive to respective places, he explained.

There will be no mass burial and funerals will be conducted after DNA-assisted identification of the crash victims, he emphasized, stressing the vital exercise of individual identification.

"We cannot bury them together because when the DNA results come, relatives will claim the bodies. We have tagged each of the gravely buried victims and they will be handed over to their families on the basis of the DNA results, he elaborated.

DNA results are anticipated for Wednesday and bodies then released for burial on Thursday, where the government will assist with transportation of the deceased, he affirmed.

Of the 39 victims, 33 bodies are being held at the KCMC zonal referral hospital in Moshi municipality, and six are at the Same District hospital.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi in a souvenir photo yesterday at the graduation of the first batch of trainees who had just completed studies at a community health college. Photo: State House

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cargo train services as it promises faster, safer and more reliable freight movement for businesses across Tanzania, a turning point in the country's logistics landscape.

The first SGR cargo train arrived at Thumwa station here over the weekend, transporting 10 wagons holding 700 tonnes of goods from Pugu station, a freight entry point designed to decongest the city of Dar es Salaam.

Never Mwakaliku, the TRC director of business, expressed gratitude to Azania Group for being a major business group in the first list of clients to utilize the new freight line.

TRC starts SGR freight service with 700 tonnes

Other businesses need to follow this example speed is complemented by significantly enhanced safety, he said.

With SGR cargo need not be hauled overnight on the road, he said, citing same-day delivery as reducing risks and preserving the quality of goods on delivery.

Joel Laizer, the Azania Group public relations director, confirmed the service's reliability firsthand, pointing at the firm's first shipment of 700 tonnes as indeed delivered

within four hours.

He commended the SGR facility for reducing logistical costs and delivery uncertainty for businesses.

"This service is a breakthrough," he declared, encouraging other enterprises to adopt this transport solution to streamline operations.

SGR facilities are projected to become the backbone of freight movement in the country, reinforcing the government vision for a more efficient and resilient transport network, analysts noted.

FINTECH leaders convene in Dar to boost local innovation

By Guardian Reporter

A PIVOTAL seminar convened in Dar es Salaam at the weekend brought together key players in the fintech ecosystem under the umbrella of the Tanzania Fintech Association (TAFINA), in a news drive to boost the capabilities of local financial technology developers.

The one-day seminar focused on equipping fintech innovators with practical, market-oriented outreach strategies designed to expand access to digital financial services.

The initiative is part of a broader agenda to enhance financial inclusion across Tanzania, enabling more citizens and institutions to benefit from simplified, technology-enabled banking solutions.

The event builds on a strategic cooperation agreement signed between NBC and TAFINA in April, which seeks to foster innovation, expand loan facilitation, and promote the development of digital financial products tailored to local needs.

Mangire Kilanda, NBC's head of transaction banking, reaffirmed the bank's commitment to supporting fintech growth through knowledge sharing and collaboration.

"Today's seminar is a reflection of our intent to implement the agreement with TAFINA by empowering stakeholders with technical expertise and improving our service delivery," he said. "Our goal is to co-

create banking solutions that serve not just NBC, but also a wider range of institutions seeking smart, scalable financial tools."

Kilanda highlighted the bank's focus on developing tailored fintech solutions such as digital payment gateways, embedded finance systems, and digital loans. He emphasized the importance of innovation in expanding financial access, especially through preferential loan schemes that could help startups scale faster.

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Juleth Kilwa, TAFINA's managing director, expressed appreciation for NBC's continued support, noting that the seminar offered fintech players valuable insight into NBC's service landscape—insights that would help them design products better aligned with market realities.

"We are grateful to have NBC as a committed partner in our journey to simplify and transform financial services delivery through technology," she said. "Beyond this training, we see NBC's preferential loans as a catalyst for fintech-led economic empowerment and long-term collaboration."

The seminar clearly underscored the shared vision between TAFINA and NBC to build a more inclusive financial ecosystem—one where innovative, tech-driven solutions can serve the diverse needs of individuals and businesses across Tanzania.



Civil United Front member Hamad Masoud (L) receives forms for nomination as a candidate in later this year's race for the Zanzibar Presidency on the opposition party's ticket. Presenting the forms to him - at the CUF offices at Kilimahewa in Unguja's Magharibi B District yesterday - is the party's secretary for the suburb, Chaniima Omar Sultan. Photo: Karima Suwaiman

By Correspondent Christina Hade, Morogoro

Government targets revival of defunct factories to enhance industrial growth

THE Ministry of Industry and Trade has pledged to identify and reclaim all defunct factories across Tanzania, many of which have fallen into disrepair or been converted into warehouses as part of a national effort to revitalise industrial infrastructure, attract new investors, and spur job creation.

Industry and Trade Minister Dr Selemeni Jalo made the announcement yesterday during the second Industrial and Trade Ministry conference organised by the Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA).

Dr Jalo noted that many of the dormant factories were built during the era of Mwajimu Julius Nyerere and now require modernisation to meet current industrial and technological standards.

He revealed that implementation of this initiative has already begun in the Tanga Region.

"This effort will continue in other regions, including Morogoro," said Dr Jalo, adding that the goal is to position Tanzania as a leading industrial and trade hub, while creating employment and fostering sustainable economic growth.

To support this initiative, the minister called on trade officers to

establish regional databases of operational and defunct factories. Such data, he said, would support strategic planning and the development of targeted industrial growth policies.

Dr Jalo also underscored the importance of strengthening the structured warehouse receipt system—a model he described as one of the most successful mechanisms for improving trade practices in the country.

He highlighted a shift in Tanzania's economic structure, noting that the country has historically relied on imported goods, including agricultural products.

However, with increased public and private investment—especially in agriculture—this trend is changing. The agriculture sector budget, he noted, rose from 24.4bn/- to 108.8bn/-, leading to higher productivity in key cash crops.

Dr Jalo said Tanzania now exports products such as rice to South Africa, contributing to increased national revenue.

He added that the country has developed a surplus of domestically produced goods, including reinforcement bars, cement, and other materials that were previously imported at high cost.

Tanzania's trade and manufacturing sectors have seen respective growth rates of 48 percent and 23 percent, and the government aims to push both to 10 percent as part of its strategy to transition the country to an upper-middle-income economy.

Also speaking at the conference, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG), Sospeter Ntwale, urged local leaders to take a proactive role in business supervision and support small-scale entrepreneurs by improving the business environment.

He called for visionary leadership and strategic planning at the grassroots level, aligning local priorities with the goals outlined in the newly launched government manifesto.

Morogoro Regional Administrative Secretary, Must Ali Musa, emphasised the need for stronger collaboration between traders and farmers to harmonise efforts and boost production.

Morogoro Regional Commissioner, Adam Malima, called on the Ministry to designate Morogoro as a national hub for crop value addition, noting the region's high production of both food and cash crops, including spices.

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and awareness campaigns, he said.

The carbon trading landscape is also expanding to Zanzibar, as environmental authorities have begun receiving carbon project applications, following the approval of Zanzibar's Carbon Trading Control and Management Regulations in 2025, he said.

As of May 2025, four companies had expressed strong interest in executing such projects, with two submitting detailed concept notes, indicating a growing momentum in the IS-les, he affirmed.

The assessment committee, tasked with evaluating Tanzania's carbon trading environment, has put forward key recommendations to enhance efficiency, with its report advocating extensive public education on carbon trading, he stated.

It also underlines the development of comprehensive training guidelines at various stakeholder levels, along with establishing stakeholder discussion forums, he said.

The committee's insights focus on implementation of carbon trading

as likely to be significantly bolstered by reviewing existing regulations, while improving the National Carbon Registry, he said.

It also stresses the need to devise a specific public education strategy, enhancing data management systems and actively encouraging private sector involvement, he stated.

The assessment underscores Tanzania's immense potential to leverage carbon trading benefits through strategic projects spanning diverse sectors, including the standard gauge railway (SGR), Dar es Salaam Rapid Transit (DART) buses, renewable electricity generation and widening natural gas domestic energy use.

Other areas include systematic forestry activity, green agriculture, green buildings, education, mining, waste management and the burgeoning blue economy, he explained further.

Carbon trading is therefore set to become a vital mechanism, not just for environmental protection, but also for fostering sustainable development and economic growth across the country, the minister added.