



Hybrid National Workshop on Coherent Strategies for Developing Productive Capacities in Tanzania

Date: 29-30 April 2021

Time: 12:00-15:00 EAT (Tanzania Time)

Concept Note and Programme

Context and objective

The Government of Tanzania has a strong commitment to developing domestic productive capacities and transforming the structure of its economy from low to higher productivity activities within and across sectors. While some progress has been made over the past few decades, manufacturing continues to play a relatively small role in the economy both in terms of its share of output and contribution to exports. Some of the factors that have been identified as accounting for the low development of domestic productive capacities include volatile or insufficient domestic demand, shortage of inputs and spare parts, unreliable and costly power supply, shortage of skilled labour, inadequate access to financial services, high cost of credit and challenges in policy formulation and implementation. The Government understands these challenges and has intensified efforts to address them through various initiatives geared towards boosting manufacturing output and exports, promoting agricultural production, and strengthening intersectoral linkages. It is also in the process of reviewing its trade and industrial strategies with a view to better harnessing the potential of trade for transformation and development.

Against this backdrop, this workshop seeks to provide a platform for policymakers and other relevant stakeholders to discuss the opportunities and challenges to developing productive capacities in Tanzania. It also seeks to identify holistic and coherent strategies to build new productive capacities as well as better utilize existing capacities to enhance prospects of achieving Vision 2025 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Expected outcomes

1. Enhanced capacities of the trade, industry and planning ministries to develop country-specific strategies for productive capacity development and structural economic transformation.
2. Enhanced capacities of government officials and practitioners to implement coherent productive capacities policies, with a view to improving their international competitiveness and integration into the world economy.

Organization and format

The event will be organized by the Tanzania Ministry of Industry and Trade, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office in Tanzania. The meeting will be in the form of two half-day hybrid workshops tentatively scheduled to take place on the 29th and 30th of April 2021 at **12:00-15:00 EAT (Tanzania Time)**, that is **11:00-14:00 CET**.

Target audience

The workshop is for policymakers in the Ministries of Industry and Trade, Economic Development or Planning, Finance, Infrastructure, and Agriculture. Other target local stakeholders include: Private Sector firms, Central Bank, Chambers of Commerce, Universities and Research Institutions, National Statistical Bureaus, Association of Female Entrepreneurs, and partners.

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Opening Session

- 12:00-12:10 Welcome remarks by **Mr. Dotto James**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Trade
- 12:10-12:15 Statement by **Mr. Zlatan Milisic**, UN Resident Coordinator, Tanzania
- 12:15-12:20 Statement by **Mr. Paul Akiwumi**, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

Session 1: Overview of Industrialization and Productive Capacities Development

- 12:20-12:35 Reflections on Building and Utilizing Productive Capacities (**Patrick Osakwe**, UNCTAD)
- 12:35-12:50 Measuring and Benchmarking Productive Capacities (**Mussie Delelegn**, UNCTAD)
- 12:50-13:05 Coherent Policies for Developing Productive Capacities in Tanzania (**Dunstan Mrutu**, UNCTAD Consultant)
- 13:05-13:20 State of Industrial Development in Tanzania (**Donald Mmari**, Executive Director, REPOA, Dar es Salaam)
- 13:20-13:50 Interactive debate

Session 2: Engaging the Private Sector

- 13:50-14:00 How can domestic firms make better use of existing productive capacities? (**Nobert Mwapwele**, Tanzania Chamber of Commerce)
- 14:00-14:10 Industrial minerals potential in Tanzania (**Maruvuko Msechu**, Geological Survey of Tanzania)
- 14:10-14:20 What are the main constraints to private sector development in Tanzania (**Christine Musisi**, UNDP Resident Representative, Tanzania)
- 14:20-14:30 Opportunities and challenges of investing in Tanzania (Tanzania Investment Centre)
- 14:30-15:00 Interactive debate

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Session 3: Sectoral and Cross-cutting Issues

- 12:00-12:10 What are the challenges to energy provision and access for productive activities in Tanzania? (Tanzania Electricity Supply Company)

- 12:10-12:20 The nexus between agriculture and manufacturing development (**Stephen Kargbo**, UNIDO Representative, Tanzania)
- 12:20-12:30 Strengthening linkages between agriculture and manufacturing (**Siza Tumbo**, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture)
- 12:30-12:40 How can regional cooperation support industrialisation in Tanzania? (**Joseph Atta-Mensah**, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa)
- 12:40-13:00 Interactive debate

Session 4: Harnessing Gender and Trade Potentials for Economic Transformation

- 13:00-13:10 Integrating gender issues into the transformation agenda in Tanzania (**Hodan Addou**, UNWOMEN Representative, Tanzania)
- 13:10-13:20 Role of female entrepreneurs in the industrial development of Tanzania (**Mwajuma Hamza**, Executive Director, Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce)
- 13:20-13:30 Women's entrepreneurship development in Tanzania (**Donath Olomi**, Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship Development, Dar es Salaam)
- 13:30-13:40 Role of trade in the development of productive capacities (**Ally Senga Gugu**, Ministry of Trade and Industry)
- 13:40-13:50 Export promotion and development in Tanzania (**Kanuti Masha**, Export Processing Zone Authority)
- 13:50-14:10 Interactive debate

Session 5: Financing Productive Capacities Development

- 14:10-14:20 Mobilisation of domestic resources for development in Tanzania (Ministry of Finance)
- 14:20-14:30 How can monetary policy be better used in support of industrialisation of Tanzania? (Bank of Tanzania)
- 14:30-14:40 Promoting access to affordable financing for productive activities (**Babajide Sodipo**, AfreximBank)
- 14:40-14:50 Interactive debate

Closing Session

- 14:50-14:55 Remarks by Ambassador **Maimuna K. Tarishi**, Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations, Geneva
- 14:55-15:00 Remarks by Mr **Paul Akiwumi**, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD