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PRESIDENT SAMIA GOVERNMENT PUMPS IN MORE FUNDS ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT TO EASE TRANSPORTATION COSTS



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One of the modern railway station, part of the (300km) Dar es Salaam - Morogoro route at Soga area in the Coast Region.

LETTER FROM THE PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT (WORKS)



Permanent Secretary Amb. Eng. Aisha S. Amour

Dear stakeholders,

I am honoured to present to you the fifth issue of the TanT² Centre Newsletter in 2022. The newsletter commenced in 2018.

TanT² Centre Newsletter is a platform where we can share information on best practices, innovations, appropriate technologies and new technologies on road and other infrastructure in the works and transport sectors.

Among others, one major role of TanT² Centre is to inform, disseminate and share information with stakeholders in the industry. This is done through newsletter which is published on a quarterly basis and circulated to various stakeholders. I urge institutions under the Ministry of Works and Transport to share the highway transportation information on best practices, new technologies and innovations through this publication.

For this objectives to be realised and be sustainable, engineers and other experts from various institutions under the Ministry of Works and Transport attending training, seminars, conferences or workshops on best practice or technology in highway and transportation are humbly requested to share the valuable knowledge with others.

Articles with high quality and educative subjects on highway and transportation technology information will positively influence and contribute towards improvement of transport infrastructure in the country.

Lastly, I wish to urge all stakeholders to continue supporting us as we work towards the next level in development of transport infrastructure in our country.

Amb. Eng. Aisha S. Amour PERMANENT SECRETARY (WORKS)

Chairman's Note

Dear Reader,

On behalf of the Editorial Team, It gives me pleasure once again to welcome you to this Fifth Edition of TanT² Newsletter, which is published by the Ministry of Works and Transport through Transportation Technology Transfer (TanT²) Centre.

As the Newsletter covers its fifth publication, before looking ahead, however, I would like to offer a word of thanks to our readers,



Mr Laurian Joachim Munna Chairman

contributors and the Editorial Team for supporting the Newsletter and its mission.

In this newsletter we aim to convey important information and reports on technology transfer and related activities that are being carried out in the country.

Therefore in this fifth edition, the reader will be able to find valuable information on the use of newly introduced technologies in the implementation of construction tasks.

Readers will also understand how the use of the hightech systems are deployed to enhance assessment of construction and maintenance tasks to ascertain quality assurance and value for money.

Such systems have been introduced on road works and vehicle weighing stations. Establishment of Institute of Construction Technology (ICoT) and Training of Labour Based Technology have also been taken on board.

Once again, on behalf of the Editorial Team, I welcome you to this Newsletter hoping that together we shall work towards making the Newsletter a truly influential publication. Comments, suggestions and special issue or proposals are always welcome for improvement.

Laurian J. Munna Chairman

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The overview of T2 Centre

I. Background

THE Tanzania Transportation Technology Transfer (TanT²) Centre was established in mid-1997 by the Ministry of Works in collaboration with the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Dar es Salaam by then and support from the US Federal Highway Administration (FHVVA).

The Centre is currently located at the Ministry of Works and Transport headquaters, Moshi Avenue Dodoma.

The establishment of $TanT^2$ Centre is an initiative that aims at improving transportation infrastructure in the country at all levels through technology transfer.

In short the Tanzania Transportation Technology Transfer (TanT²) Centre is more than clearinghouse for highway and transport information where technological informations from different parts of the World are collected, sorted and tailored to suit local conditions and then disseminated across the whole transport industry from the national to local level.

The TanT² Centre is charged with the duty of enabling users and providers of road transport in the country to keep pace with the fast changing highway and Transportation Technology.

2. Vision

To be renowned nationally and internationally as the paramount resource in developing and transferring innovative and appropriate technologies, proven solutions and reliable services to successfully resolve the challenges facing the transportation community in Tanzania.

3. Mission

To foster safe, efficient and environmentally sustainable transportation systems in Tanzania by

improving skills and knowledge of transportation providers and users through training, technical assistance and technology transfer.

4. Objective

The general objective of the Tanzania T^2 Centre is to carry out activities aimed at improving road transport in the country through dissemination of relevant technological information and training

The specific objectives of the T² Centre are to:-

- (i) Promote and enhance sharing of technology, managerial and policy related information on road transport system in Tanzania
- (ii) Provide local transportation and highway agencies and road users and access to international, regional and national state –ofthe-art technology advancement
- (iii) Enhance science education with special emphasis on Transportation and highway related subjects in Tanzania, and
- (iv) Foster regional and international cooperation in implementation of highway and transportation related technologies and programmes.

5. Functions

- Promoting and transfer of technology for the Transportation Industry (highway; aviation; maritime; and railways);
- Conducting Demand Driven Training Programmes for Transport Sector Professionals;
- Providing Transport Information and Documentation Services;
- ConductingApplied Research and Development Activities to Address the Challenges facing the Transport Sector in Tanzania;

- Providing Online Transportation Library Services;
- Promoting Community Transportation Programmes;
- Promoting Development of Future Workforce for the Transportation Industry;
- Conducting Scanning of Transportation Technologies;
- Serve as the Secretariat of the National Committee(s) to the International Associations Promoting Transportation Technology.

6. Accomplishment since its establishment

The Centre carries out various activities and programmes to facilitate knowledge and information sharing, and technology transfer to the transportation community inside and outside Tanzania. The means/facilities utilised for sharing and exchange of transportation technology and related information include; running of electronic library, lending transportation conducting professional training courses, seminars, workshops and conferences. Other forms include the TanT² Newsletter, a website (www.tant2centre. or.tz), promotion of transportation community programmes, responding to requests for information by stakeholders, as well as linking stakeholders who have specific transportation related questions with experts.

In general the activities of the $TanT^2$ Centre are focusing on major four roles which include:-

- i) Clearing house: Collecting and disseminating transportation technological information. This promotes technology transfer in Tanzania and in Africa region. In addition, it contributes towards development of social and economic infrastructure in the country.
- Workforce development: Conducting training and technical assistance programmes to professionals in the transportation industry. The Centre runs the Transportation and Civil

Engineering Community (TRAC) programme at six pilot Secondary Schools and one pilot Primary School in Tanzania. The programme enhances delivery of physics, maths, technology and applied science subjects. TRAC encourages students to consider careers in science, transportation, civil engineering and applied technology. The Centre plans to expand the programme to more schools in Dodoma region.

iiii) Networking, collaboration and cooperation: The Centre is networking nationally, regionally and internationally with stakeholders in the transportation industry. For instance, the Centre is part of a network of about 200 T² Centres worldwide. The Centre is also, a founder member of the Association of Southern African National Roads Agencies (ASANRA)'s Technical Committee on Regional Technology Transfer and Capacity Building.

Other Collaborating Partners includes: -

- I. FHWA Federal Highway Administration.
- 2. **ASANRA** Association of Southern African Road Agencies
- 3. **ARMFA** Africa Road Maintenance Funds Association
- 4. **IRF** International Road federation
- 5. **DOT** Department of Transport
- 6. **TRB** Transportation Research Board
- 7. PIARC World Road Association
- 8. gTKP Global Transport knowledge practice
- 9. TRL Transportion Research Laboratory
- 10. NHI National Highway institute
- 11. ITE -US Institute of Transportation Engineers
- 12. **FAA -** US federal Aviation Administrationiv)
- **Business and sustainability:** The Centre operates using business principles, whilst delivering quality services to its customers. In addition, the Centre evaluates all of its programmes (internally and externally), in terms of performance and effectiveness.

President Samia Launches Morocco - Mwenge Section

By Theresia Mwami

President Samia Suluhu Hassan inaugurated a 4.3 km section of New Bagamoyo Road phase II in December 2021 between Morocco and Mwenge as part of the government strategy to decongest the city of DSM.

Speaking at the ceremony, President Samia tasked the Ministry of Works and Transport and Tanzania National Roads Agency (Tanroads) to ensure that construction and renovations of bridges and roads are done under contract to ensure that the roads last longer.

She stated that the government continue with the efforts to strengthen road funds as well as securing adequate funding for the maintenance of all roads in the country through Tanroads and roads under Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA).

"You must have noticed the budget allocated to TARURA in the financial year 2021/2022 for road projects in the region is large," she said.

According to the President, the goal is to ensure that the country reduce unpaved roads network so that the roads are resilient to weather throughout the year.

Earlier, Works and Transport Minister, Prof Makame Mbarawa said the Mwenge-Morocco section had been constructed at a cost of Sh71.8bn funded by the government.

He said the completion of widening New Bagamoyo road will not only reduce traffic congestion but also reduce accidents to the road users and ensure smooth transportation to and from Dar es Salaam city.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan inaugurates a 4.3 km section of new Bagamoyo Road phase II in December last year, between Morocco and Mwenge in Dar es Salaam

Govt pumps in extra Sh 56bn for Kimara-Kibaha road project

By Biseko Ibrahim

THE government has pumped in extra Sh56 billion for the improvement of the 19.2km highway Kimara - Kibaha road.

The move will see the construction of a flyover at Mbezi-Goba junction, a bridge at Mbezi Kwa Yusufu and feeder roads at the Magufuli International Bus Terminal.

Construction of the eight lane Kimara-Kibaha road by Estim Construction Company Limited, which was earlier scheduled for completion in October, 2021 to the tune of Sh161bn will now be competed in June 2022.

Deputy Minister for Works and Transport, Eng.

Godfrey Kasekenya said while inspecting the construction works that some challenges were observed after the completion of the first phase of the project which prompted the government to inject Sh 56 bn to the project.

He said the first phase of Kimara - Kibaha road was almost complete at 99 percent, but the government saw the need to have a BRT project alongside the project from Kimara to Kibaha which is currently being improved.

"We saw the need to construct feeder roads, a bridge at Mbezi

Kwa Yusufu and a flyover at Goba - Mbezi junction to ease traffic plying Goba-Segerea route," he said.

The Minister said the government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan also saw the need to improve the access roads at the Magufuli International Bus Terminal at Mbezi Luis following huge traffic and also construct a bus stand at the junction of Mloganzila Hospital in the area.

He stressed the need to ensure that the construction meet the required standards so that various road project currently under construction can have the value for money.

Briefing the Deputy Minister, Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) Regional Manager Harun Senkuku said his team will ensure that the contractor meet the June deadline.

He said the government has already set aside a total of Sh59.5bn in the 2021/2022 fiscal year



Manager for Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) in Dar es Salaam Region Eng. Harun Senkuku (Right) briefs the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport Eng. Godfrey Kasekenya (center) when the deputy minister inspected the Morogoro Road, Kimara-Kibaha (eight lanes section) in Dar es Salaam, Right is Eng. Mwanaisha Rajabu.

for Dar es Salaam region where Sh27.4bn will be used for road maintenance and Sh32.7bn as development funds.

The construction of the 19.2Km road from Kimara in Dar es Salaam to Kibaha in the Coast region started in 2018 and was scheduled for completion in October 2021.

Eng. Kasekenya lectures TAZARA to improve services

Biseko Ibrahim

Deputy Minister of Works and Transport, Eng. Godfrey Kasekenya has called on the Management of the Tanzania and Zambia Railways Authority (TAZARA), to develop viable and measurable commercial strategies to enable the agency to provide better and more profitable services, as originally intended.

Speaking immediately after inspecting the TAZARA Workshop in Dar es Salaam, Eng. Kasekenya said it was time for every guarantor in TAZARA to work towards the vision of the founders of the railway line.

"We have enough cargo to transport...so make sure that TAZARA authorities develops commercial strategy that will enable to have the train and wagons that meet the current global demands," stressed Eng. Kasekenya.

He also pointed out for the need to ensure that all existing workshops are fully operational to reduce the congestion of wagons and 10 locomotives on repair.

The Deputy Minister also called upon the TAZARA management to co-operate with all staff to increase the morale of working together in order to provide productive services that will attract transporters and passengers.

On his part, the Deputy Managing Director of TAZARA, Eng. Christopher Shiganza assured the Deputy Minister that TAZARA was committed to ensuring they have access to 10 locomotives and wagons to increase efficiency.

He asked the Government to rectify some laws guiding TAZARA in order to strengthen the unity between member states and bring high productivity and efficiency in transportation services.

TAZARA railway line from Dar es Salaam, in Tanzania to Kapirimposhi in Zambia was built between 1970 and 1975 in partnership with Tanzania and Zambia through the efforts of the founders of the two countries Mwalimu Julius Nyerere and Mr. Keneth Kaunda and has been a major catalyst for development and brotherhood between the two nations.



Manager of TAZARA Central Workshop in Dar es Salaam, Mr. Jumanne Mnyawami (left) shows the Deputy Minister of Works and Transport, Eng. Godfrey Kasekenya one of the repaired carts in Dar es Salaam.

CONSTRUCTION OF MV MWANZA IN FULL SWING

By Deniza Cyprian

of Minister Works and Transport. Prof. Makame Mbarawa has expressed his satisfaction with the progress of the construction of the new MV Mwanza which has reached 54 percent. The project is being implemented in Mwanza region at Mwanza South Port. Prof. Mbarawa called on project managers to oversee the project to ensure it has the value for money.

"The construction of the ship has not been halted as unofficial sources claimed. The supervisor and contractor are at the site day and night to ensure the ship is built to the required standards," the minister stressed. Prof. Mbarawa said he was satisfied with the progress of the ship construction and that the Government will continue to timely fund the project.

MV Mwanza which is being built to the tune of over Sh89 billion will have three classes, including the VIP, conference rooms and with a capacity to carry 1,200 passengers, 400 tons and 20 small cars.

However, the Minister said there were few challenges facing the pace of the project which were being sorted out, though, stressing that the project will be implemented as planned. Earlier, the Acting Chief Executive Officer the of Marine Services Shipping Company Limited (MSCL), Philemon Bagambilana, said the construction of the ship's base is almost complete and is expected to be submerged by April or June, 2022.

MV Mwanza construction is being implemented by Gas Entec Company Limited in partnership with Kangnam Corporation all from South Korea in partnership with SUMA JKT of Tanzania, the project is scheduled for completion in September, 2022.



Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa, disembark from the ship during his working visit to inspect the construction of the MV. MWANZA in Mwanza Region.

ISAKA-MWANZA SGR CONSTRUCTION IN GOOD SHAPE - MBARAWA

By Deniza Cyprian



Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa pays attention to the Director General of the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC), Mr. Masanja Kadogosa, while inspecting the construction of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) from Isaka to Mwanza section (km 341) in Mwanza Region.

THE construction of Isaka-Mwanza section of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) which commenced in May 2021 is progressing well.

The 341km long section which is being constructed at the cost of Sh3.062 trillion shillings is expected for completion in May 2024.

Minister for Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa, said, the contractor China Civil Engineering Construction (CCEC), and China Railway Construction Corporation (CRCC) have already been paid Sh. 376.36 bn for initial work that includes railway line embankment.

He was speaking in Mwanza while inspecting the progress of the project where he told the contractor to ensure that the work is completed on the agreed time.

"We have witnessed that the work here is in progress and the contractor is well equipped. We hope he will complete the construction on time as planned," the Minister said. He acknowledged President Samia Suluhu Hassan for continuing to release funds for the project which will benefit Tanzanians in facilitating transport and transportation services in the country.

Earlier, the Director General for Tanzania RailwaysCorporation(TRC), MasanjaKadogosa, said the project involves the construction of 43 major bridges, 44 minor bridges and 591 curvets.

It will also include among others, the construction of a long bridge in Mwanza, 9 stations, one garage at Fela and the other in Tabora.

According to him, at least Sh2.8billion had already been paid to the residents living a round the project as compensation to pave way for the project.

MBARAWA BLAMES TAA FOR LAXITY ON TERMINAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

By Shukuru Senkondo

Tanzania Airport Authority (TAA) has been summoned to bring an Engineer to the site at the passenger terminal building project in Mwanza with immediate effect.

The Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa issued the directives to the Director General of TAA while inspecting the construction of the passenger terminal building at Mwanza airport which is being built to the tune of Sh11billion.

He blamed TAA for not having an engineer at the site even as the building is under their supervision.

The minister said the building did not meet international standards and had deficiencies that needed more experts to advise on how to meet the standards.

"This passenger terminal building lacks international

standards which are regulated by the International Aviation Organization (ICAO)," he said after inspecting the building whose construction has reached 85 percent.

"The Tanzania Airport Authority need to be more responsible to supervise the project and ensure it meet international standards," the minister added.

According to the Minister, airport buildings are different from any other buildings as they need to go with the required international standards.

"We need to have a building that last for decades to come, we can't just be constructing buildings without experts supervision," he stressed.

Tanzaniacontinuestoimprove airports countrywidewith Mwanza airport expectedtobeaninternational



The Assistant Regional Administrative Secretary for Infrastructure, Arch, Chagu Nghoma, briefs the Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa, on the progress of the passenger building at Mwanza Airport.

airport where funding and construction need to be seen and approved by the ICAO.

He stressed on the importance to ensure there is keen supervision so that value for money is seen in various projects being undertaken by his ministry.

Commenting, Mwanza Regional Commissioner, Eng. Robert Gabriel said a team of experts has already been formed to work on the building discrepancies to ensure it meet the standards.

The Assistant Regional Administrative Secretary for Infrastructure, Architect Chagu Nghoma said upon completion, the passenger building will be able to serve about four hundred thousand passengers annually.

The building will have domestic and international passenger gates, restaurants, shops and a 320 car-parking space.

The one year project for the construction of the passenger terminal building at Mwanza Airport commenced in September 2021 and is scheduled for completion this year.

End Customers Complaints, Mbarawa tells Marine, Shipping Authorities



Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa, poses for a group photo with Executives of Institutions under the Ministry of Works and Transport (Transport Sector), immediately after opening the fourth co-operation meeting between the Ministry of Works and Transport in Tanzania mainland and that of Zanzibar

By Segolena Francis

Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa, has instructed the Tanzania Shipping Corporation (TASAC) and the Zanzibar Maritime Authority (ZMA), to end various challenges facing them in their day to day operation.

He tasked the two agencies to be more responsible and efficient so that customers complaints are minimized.

The minister made the remarks in Mwanza, while opening a Fourth Consultation Meeting between the Executives of the Ministry of Works and Transport (Transport Sector) of Tanzania mainland and the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar's Ministry of Works, Communications and Transport.

He asked for the need of co-operation between the two ministries in order to better enforce maritime safety laws.

"Our experts in the two ministries need to review existing laws and look at how to improve them so that they are consistent and do not create confusion in implementation," he said.

In Tanzania mainland, water transport issues are governed by the Maritime Transport Act Cap 165, the Tanzania Shipping Act Cap 415, the Zanzibar Maritime Transport Act No. 5 of 2006 and the Zanzibar Maritime Authority Act No. 3 of 2009.

The Minister said such numerous laws governing one issue can lead to various challenges.

He therefore tasked the authorities to ensure that the laws are harmonized to ensure smooth operation of Marine Services.

According to the Minister, private sector participation was crucial in the country's development as the sector assists in investment, reducing Government's investment burden and risks.

It also increases employment, investment circulation, bring new technologies, boost the economy and increase the GDP and forex.

On his part, the former Permanent Secretary (PS) for the Ministry of Works and Transport

(Transport Sector), Mr. Gabriel Migire, said the conference highlighted the opportunities available to both parties in Tanzania mainland and the Isles.

The former PS said among the opportunities include private sector involvement in maritime investment and transportation issues to ensure that effective water transport facilities are available in scarce areas.

He said many challenges that had risen over the past year resulting from disagreements and mutual agreement, have now been minimised due to regular meetings that seeks joint solutions.

The delegates also inspected the construction of the 3.2km John Pombe Magufuli Bridge at Kigongo-Busisi in Mwanza and were satisfied with the construction progress and the technology being used.



Some participants at the South Co-operating Meeting from Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar government attentively following up the meeting in Mwanza

Tanzania set to improve weather forecasts with seven installed radars

By Theresia Mwami

THE government is currently constructing two radars aimed at improving weather forecasts in the country.

The two radars will be installed in Dodoma and Kilimanjaro bringing a total of seven radars that have been installed in the country.

Some of the regions where the radars have been installed included; Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Mtwara with Mbeya and Kigoma regions in the final stages of installation.

Former Deputy Minister of Works and Transport, Mwita Waitara disclosed this in Dar es Salaam during a brief visit at the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA), offices.

He commended the authority for its efficiency and effectiveness in weather forecasts saying such predictions were crucial for the country's development and production.

"Your performance meets both domestic and foreign needs... that's why we as a country have been awarded the certificate of quality service", the former deputy minister said.

He urged authority staff to work hard in identifying and



Director of Meteorological Services from the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA), Dr. Hamza Kabelwa, shows the Former Deputy Minister of Works and Transport, Mwita Waitara, how they read the weather reports at the Authority, in Dar es Salaam.

monitoring weather patterns, hurricanes at sea, bad weather, strong winds for the aviation, marine, protection, agriculture, fisheries, forest conservation and tourism.

According to him, weather forecasts provision was useful to all sectors of economy in the country.

On his part, the Tanzania Meteorological Agency Board Chairman Dr. Buruhani Nyenzi, acknowledged the governments' support for releasing funds for radar purchase and installation. He said such projects were crucial for a country especially this time that climate change issues were at the centre of discussion globally.

TMA was established in 2019 under the Meteorological Authority Act No. 2 of 2019 with the responsibilities of providing, coordinating and regulating climate services in the country.

The authority is equipped with modern equipment and experts capable to forecast weather to at least 80 percent accuracy.

WORKS AND TRANSPORT MINISTER **DISOLVES TPA, MARINE BOARDS**

By Biseko Ibrahim



Minister of Works and Transport Pro. Makame Mbarawa

Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa, dissolved the Board of Directors of the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA), and the Board of Directors of the Marine Services Company Limited (MSCL), in December last year due to negligence and poor projects supervision.

TPA Board of Directors comprised of seven (7) directors headed by Chairman Prof. Ignas Rubalatuka and the MSCL Board had five (5) directors headed by Chairman Prof. Zacharia Mganilwa.

Speaking to reporters in Dar es Salaam in December at the launch of the improvement of berth 1 up to 7, the minister said the Boards were irresponsible and negligent in advising the Port Authority and Shipping services.

The function also witnessed the laying of the foundation stone for the construction of the Bus Rapid Transit infrastructure Phase II covering 20.3km which was in recent weeks launched by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The Minister said the TPA and MSCL Board of Directors have been mum when embezzlement and violation of contracts for the construction of vessels was taking place.

He also pointed out that the tender for the construction of four vessels was awarded to the contractor who lacked capital, expertise and experience in the field.

"President Samia has therefore directed me to suspend the two Boards for poor performance," he stressed.

According to the minister, the ports Board has also been negligent in supervising quality work for the improvement and upgrading of berth 1 to 7 at the Port of Dar es Salaam.

"There have been reports of theft due to poor installation of the CCTV cameras by the contractor that leaves loopholes of theft to take place," the minister said.

Speaking on the part of MSCL, the minister said there were shortcomings for the tender award given to a contractor for the construction of four vessels.

The vessels were to ply on Lake Victoria, Lake Tanganyika and the Indian Ocean.

The minister said soon after signing the four contracts on June 15, 2021, the Government revisited and monitored the capacity of the contractor only to find out that he was a hoax.

"The contractor was not capable of repairing the vessels and lacked even the office address," Prof. Mbarawa said.

He appealed to all executives under his ministry to observe honesty in their day to day work and to closely monitor all ongoing projects.

"We need to ensure that all players in the field are fair, patriotic, and have the unity so that our country speeds up development projects with the needed standards," the minister said.

TANZANIA TO HAVE 17 AIRCRAFTS BY 2023

By Ramsey Kanyanga

THE Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa has warned the newly formed Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) Board of Directors to effectively carry out its duties or risk being suspended.

The Minister said he will not hesitate to dissolve the Board if it fails to perform its duties responsibly and with the needed effectiveness including overseeing the corporations business performance.

He was speaking at a ceremony of inaugurating the ATCL Board which is headed by Chairman Prof Neema Mori and six (6) members to assist in leading the Organization for a period of three years.

The Minister said ATCLs' success need to be the Boards' core responsibility.

"This board has a very big job, and that is to make sure the corporation move forward. You need to work hard, you are not going there to perform executives duties", the minister warned.

He said a number of formed Board teams and chairmen had failed to perform their duties due to handouts and incentives given to them by institutions' and corporations' executives.

The Minister said often times, these incentives had made it hard for Board members to make decisions or advise institutions and corporations responsibly on matters of national interest and benefits.

According to the Minister, ATCL has a lot of work which among others include procurement of several working tools, saying if the Board is not going to be careful, it might fail to make decisions that will help the corporation to move forward.

Regarding the Agency's past debt, Mbarawa said the Government will continue to address the



Tanzania is busy investing in aviation sector to improve air transport with plans underway to increase aircrafts to 17 by 2023

issue to help ATCL achieve positive results and generate huge revenue for the nation.

He said there was need to see the importance of the 11 purchased aircrafts so that they benefit the Agency and Tanzanians at large by ensuring that they operate on profit.

In another development, Prof. Mbarawa said that by 2023, the ATCL will have a total of 17 aircrafts as five more planes are already in the procurement process.

On his part, the new Board Chairman, Prof. Neema Mori, promised the Minister to work hand in hand with her members to support the corporation and bring positive results.

According to the ATCL Director General, Eng. Ladislaus Matindi, the corporation was committed to working efficiently and effectively and continues to expand its domestic and international routes.

"We have recently started overseas routes that include Nairobi - Kenya, Lubumbashi - DRC, Ndola - Zambia and for domestic route we have resumed trips to Mtwara and Songea and commenced Dodoma and Mwanza route", Eng. Matindi said.

DAR SET TO IMPROVE PORT DEPTH

By Siti Said

THE government said it was set to improve the depth of Dar es Salaam Port for the second phase to at least 16metres from current 10 meters.

The move will ensure that the port accommodates large vessels with a 305 meters length which have the capacity to carry at least 8,000 containers to dock without difficulties.

The port upgrading is set to cost the government at least Sh219 billion after completion.

The Minister of Works and Transport, Professor Makame

Mbarawa unvailed this while inspecting the progress of the project that is set to be completed in 24 months time.

He said the contractor need to plan with effectiveness so that he completes the work within contract period

"The work has already started as you are working night hours. You need to review your duties, your expertise and equipment you have so that you complete this work before deadline," said Prof. Mbarawa.

According to him, Tanzania has seen the need to increase the port depth to better serve it's citizens and the neighbouring land-locked countries of Rwanda, Burundi, Zambia and DRC Congo.

Tanzaniahadalreadycompletedthe first phase toupgradethe port from berth 1to 7 to the tune of sh1trillion.

On his part, the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA), Project Manager, Eng. Karim Mataka, told the Minister that the work had already commenced and all equipment were already at the site for the work.

Prof. Mbarawa said this during his official visit in Dar es Salaam Region to inspect various ongoing and completed projects under his Ministry.



Project Manager from the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA), Eng. Karim Mataka, shows the Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa, ongoing work of the second phase of the Dar es Salaam Port upgrade which aim to increase port depth to allow larger ships with a length of 305 meters to dock at the Port.

Some of the Pictures captured in some of the ongoing projects being implemented by the sixth Phase Government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan.















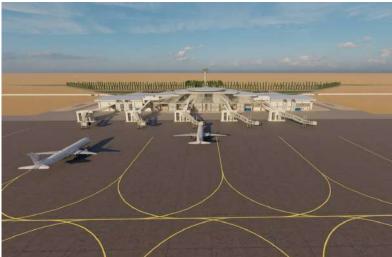














MBARAWA WARNS WEIGHBRIDGE OFFICERS



The Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa, explains a point to the management and staff of TANROADS (not pictured), at a meeting in Dar es Salaam.

By Ramsey Kanyanga

THE Minister of Works and Transport, Professor Makame Mbarawa, has warned weighbridge officers involved in corruption activities saying their days are numbered.

He said it was embarrassing to hear acts of corruption in various weighbridges situated in the country even as they know exactly their duties.

"It is shame for weighbridge officers to receive bribe in broad day light not caring about the damage being caused to our roads," the Minister said.

Prof. Mbarawa was speaking recently in Dar es Salaam during Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS') management and staff meeting. He said despite installing CCTV camera systems, there have been reports of corruption to some weighbridge staff countrywide.

The Minister urged TANROADS to educate all staff and transporters in the country so that they can know their rights and responsibilities of preserving roads.

He directed the Chief Executive of TANROADS to ensure that Zebra crossing signs are placed in appropriate places in highways and build flyovers where necessary to reduce pedestrian casualties.

"These roads are not just built for traffic users but also pedestrians. So, make sure all important signs for pedestrians are placed in our roads," he said.

Earlier, the TANROADS' Chief Executive, Eng. Rogatius Mativila, informed the Minister that the government has set aside Sh897.6bn as development funds in 2021/22 fiscal year to implement strategic projects with another Sh567.3bn expected to be spent on maintanance of roads and bridges.

Among the projects to be implemented include the construction of at least 467.11 km long new roads and 103km of regional roads to tarmac level.

The TANROADS' boss said, his agency will also build and rehabilitate 21 existing bridges in various roads, construct 66 bridges and culverts in regional roads.



A group of TANROADS staff paying attention to a speech from the Minister of Work and Tansport Prof. Makame Mbarawa (not pictured), at the meeting in Dar es Salaam recently.

MINISTER MBARAWA WANTS MORE EXPERTS TRAINED AT JPM BRIDGE



The Work on the construction of the foundation pillars of the JPM (Kigongo - Busisi) Bridge continues in Mwanza Region.

THE Minister of Works and Transport, Makame Prof. Mbarawa, has instructed the Project Manager of the 3.2km construction of JPM Bridge project (Kigongo-Busisi) to ensure thev increase the participation of indigenous engineers in its implementation.

He said the implementation of the project costing over Sh716 billion all being Government funds need to train more Tanzanian experts so that they can learn and manage similar projects in the near future.

The Minister made the remarks in Mwanza while addressing residents of Sengerema District immediately after completing the inspection of the bridge whose construction has reached over 34 percent.

He said the construction of JPM bridge stands as a good history for the country in terms of size and standard and so it should also be a school for local engineers.

"Local engineers need to be trained so that they can acquire skills and the needed expertise from this construction...so as to enable them build similar bridges in the country in the near future," the Minister said.

Prof. Mbarawa said the Sixth Phase Government continues to provide funds for

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Govt readies funds to construct modern Simiyu bridge

By Biseko Ibrahim

THE government has set aside funds to construct a new bridge in Simiyu District in Mwanza region.

The current dilapidated Simiyu bridge which also connects Mara, Arusha and other regions including the neighbouring Kenya was built some 67 years ago.

The Minister of Works and Transport Prof. Makame Mbarawa hinted this while on an inspection tour in Magu District in the region.

He said the government was currently looking for a contractor to commence the new Simiyu Bridge on the Mwanza - Musoma highway which will be 139.92 meters long and 3 meters wide.

The bridge that connects Mwanza, Simiyu, Mara and Arusha is very crucial in boosting trade amongst the regions and also the neighbouring Kenya.

"The government has decided to build the bridge...this old bridge was built in 1954," the minister said adding that the bridge was now worn out and needed replacement.



Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa is seen inspecting the underneath part of the old dilapidated Simiyu Bridge. The government is expected to construct a new bridge at the site.

According to the minister, the government has already set aside funds in the 2021/22 fiscal year for the construction of the bridge.

"We are just waiting to find the right contractor and announce him as the winner to undertake the project," the minister said.

He said now, residents in the area and the neighboring regions will have to transport their produce without problems.

For his part, the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS') Regional Manager for Mwanza Eng. Boniface Mkumbo said the new bridge will be very modern, with two lanes and pedestrian walkways.

Speaking at the event, the Magu District Commissioner, Salum Kalli asked for the need to ensure the exercise for the construction of the bridge is speeded up to benefit the region.

According to him, the bridge was crucial to farmers, fishermen and traders transporting their produce to the market.

GOVT SET TO CONSTRUCT SALE-NGARASERO ROAD TO BITUMEN STANDARD

By Deniza Cyprian

THE government has said it will avail funds for the construction of a 50km road from Sale to Ngarasero to bitumen standard.

Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa revealed this while on a working visit in Arusha Region to inspect various ongoing projects.

He said the Sixth Phase Government is determined to open up the Ngorongoro economy, reduce travel time and transportation costs and promote tourism in the region.

Prof. Mbarawa instructed the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS), to commence the design of a 10km Wasso - Loliondo road to be built to bitumen standard. The minister inspected the construction of a 217km Mto wa Umbu – Loliondo road project and part of 49km Wasso - Sale road both being built to tarmac level.

The roads are being undertaken by the Chinese contractor Wu Yi Company, where the minister directed them to ensure they complete the road on time as planned.

"The government, knowing the importance of this area, has decided to build this road in phases, we are completing 49 kilometers now and starting with another 50 kilometers," Prof. Mbarawa said.

He said the move will ensure reduction in travel and transportation costs but also reduce travel time.



Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa, talks to a Contractor, Staff of Wu Yi Company Constructing the 49km Wasso - Sale road section in Arusha Region.

The Minister urged residents of the area to preserve the road and ensure that livestock are kept away from passing on the roads and also guard road signs at all times.

According to the Minister, there were special areas which have been designed specifically for livestock crossing so as to ensure roads attains long lifespan.

Earlier, the Project Consultant Engineer from TANROADS' Engineering Consulting Unit (TECU), Eng. Mbaraka Shafi said the project has reached 97% and is expected to be completed by April this year.

Commenting, the Ngorongoro District Commissioner, Raymond Mangwala said it was difficult to find a bidder for road construction tenders in the district as bidders fail to get to the district due to its geographical location.

"Finding a contractor here is a difficult task... we request to use the same contractor to implement other roads construction because he already have the equipment and capabilities for the task," he said.

According to the District Commissioner, if roads are implemented on time, it will ensure quick opening up of Arusha and Mara regions which will in turn boost trade between the two regions.

Earlier, the Minister commended the Tanzania Building Agency (TBA), in the region for proper management and construction of the Ngorongoro District Council offices, urging them to complete the building on time.

MINISTER MBARAWA WANTS MORE EXPERTS TRAINED AT JPM BRIDGE (Contd from pg. 22)

development projects on time asking Mwanza residents and the neighboring regions not to worry about the project as it will be completed on time.

"The Contractor here is paid timely as per the contract agreement... and with this pace we expect the project to be completed by February, 2024 as planned", he stressed.

According to the Minister, upon completion, the bridge will be the longest bridge in East and Central Africa and sixth (6) longest in the continent, according to current data.

Speaking earlier about the progress of the project, the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) Regional Manager for Mwanza, Eng. Boniface Mkumbo, informed the Minister that the project has provided 720 jobs out of which 663 are Tanzanians and 57 foreigners.

He said so far, the work that has been done

includes the construction of an enabling bridge, the first and second pillars on the Kigongo side have been completed and the construction of layers of access roads on both sides.

Other work done include the construction of a metal workshop, concrete mixing plants and crushing plant for aggregates.

Speaking on behalf of the residents in the area, Mr. Ramadhani Nkya acknowledged the government for compensating them on time saying the majority of them have improved their lives including housing through compensation funds.

The construction of the JPM Bridge (Kigongo - Busisi) is one of the Government's strategic projects to accelerate economic and social development as it will be an important link between Mwanza and other regions along Lake Victoria but also the neighboring Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda.

NEW MUSOMA AIRPORT IN THE OFFING



TANROADS Regional Manager for Mara Eng. Vedastus Maribe, briefs the Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa during inspection of Musoma airport construction in Mara Region.

By Theresia Mwami

Tanzania is undertaking the construction of a new airport in Musoma, a move likely to boost tourism and trade in the region.

The new airport which is being constructed by Beijing Construction Company Limited to the tune of Sh. 35 billion will allow larger aircrafts including Bombardier to land at the airport much easier.

Already, at least Sh. 3.9 billion has been paid as compensation to residents in the area to pave way for the construction of the airport which will have a runway length of at least 1.75 km.

The Minister of Works and Transport Prof. Makame Mbarawa said the completion of Musoma Airport will open air transport to Mara Region and link it with the neighboring regions in the lakeshore.

Prof. Mbarawa was Speaking during an inspection visit of various projects being undertaken in the region where he said the 1.75 km long runway will allow Q400 Bombadier aircrafts to land easily at the airport.

"I am satisfied with the pace of the airport construction. The contractor, Beijing Construction Company Limited need to speed up work just as he has always done to ensure timely completion of the project," he said.

Upon completion, the airport will open up tourists and boost the economy of Mara and it's neighboring regions. Commenting, Musoma Airport, Acting Manager, Mr. Frank Msoffe said upon completion the airport will be upgraded to 3C status allowing aircrafts with the capacity of up to 80 passengers.

TanzaniaNationalRoadsAgency(TANROADS),RegionalManager for MaraEng.VedastusMaribe toldtheMinister that the airportconstructionprojectscheduledfor completion inDecember 2022.

Among works to be done include the construction of a 1.75 km long runway, an aircraft control building and a fire station.

While in the region, the Minister also inspected the construction of the 40km Sanzate-Nata road being built to tarmac level at the cost of Sh 39 bn where he instructed China Railway Seventh Group Contractor to speed up the construction and complete it within the set 24-months.

At least Sh. 1.047 billion has been set aside to compensate 291 residents affected by the project.

The project is part of Musoma – Arusha highway via the Serengeti and Mto-wa-Umbu which is crucial in linking the lakeshore areas and northern circuit including the neighbouring Kenya.



Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Mbarawa (left), inspects a section of the Ujiji port construction in Kigoma, the construction has now reached 50 percent.



Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Works and Transport (Works Sector) Ambassador. Eng. Aisha Amour greets Ministry of Works and Transport (Work Sector) employees, at the Head Office in Dodoma, on her right is Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ludovick Nduhiye.

TCAA GETS \$1MILLION BOOST TO IMPROVE AIR CONTROL SYSTEMS



Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Works and Transport (Transport Sector) Dr. Ally Possi, pays attention to the Ministerial Adviser from the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania, Xu Chen, during the launch of Air Transport Infrastructure Improvement Project, in Dar es Salaam on January 14, this year.

By Theresia Mwami

TANZANIA has received \$1 million grant from the Chinese Government through the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to help increase capacity to regulate and control air transport in the country.

The move also aims at stimulating and increasing the landing and taking off of airlines in the country's airports especially at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA), terminal III.

The \$1 grant results from various audits conducted by

ICAO to a number of countries providing air transport services on security issues.

Deputy Minister of Works and Transport, Eng. Godfrey Kasekenya, said at the ceremony to launch Air Infrastructure Transport Improvement Project in Dar that the funds es Salaam would be spent on upgrading infrastructure at the airports in the country.

TanzaniaCivilAviationAuthority(TCAA),hasbeenamongfewAviationAuthoritiesthat havereceivedthe fundstoimprovesecurity

and infrastructure issues at various airports.

Eng. Kasekenya called on TCAA to ensure that the funds are properly managed and that it brings productive and efficient results.

He said the funds need to be used in a way that will maintain the highest standards of air traffic control in the country.

The Director of the International Space Agency, Eastern and Southern African Region, Mr. Barry Kashambo, commended TCAA Director General for the efforts of increasing security and control percentages from 50 percent to at least 67 percent.

On his part, the Ministerial Adviser from the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania Mr. Xu Chen, said the Chinese Government will continue to work with the Government of Tanzania in various sectors to stimulate national development.

Earlier, the TCAA Director General, Mr. Hamza Johari, said part of the funds will be used to train experts in the area of security and purchase of air control equipment.

Female engineers advised to register with the Engineers Registration Board

By Segolena Francis

THE government through the Ministry of Works and Transport, (Works), has advised all female students from various colleges pursuing construction related fields to register with the Engineers Registration Board (ERB).

The move will ensure that they are recognized by a special engineering system in the country thereby becoming opportuned with various road related works.

Eng. Nancy Mduma from the Engineers Registration Board (ERB) said in Mbeya recently while opening an orientation seminar for female students from Mbeya University of Science and Technology (MUST), on women participation in road works.

Eng. Mduma said it was very important for College and University graduates to register with the Board as there are other engineering jobs that require only registered engineers.

"The government aims at empowing female engineers

to reach the highest levels of engineering," she said adding that registering with the Board after graduating from varsities was an important aspect for their recognition professionally.

On her part, the Coordinator of the workshop from the Contractors Registration Board (CRB), Eng. Victoria Haule said the board aims at ensuring that female engineers are encouraged to participate in road works to increase the scope of of the country's development. At the seminar, participants also discussed issues to do with guidance on registration processes for female engineers and companies owned by female engineers, guidance on strengthening women participation in road work and cross-cutting issues.

The seminar was attended by over 70 female students engineerswhoparticipated in various topic presentations related to road works.



Female Engineers from the Ministry of Works and Transport, (Works), a special unit for women participating in road work, posing for a group photo with students from Mbeya University of Science and Technology (MUST) in Mbeya immediately after providing education related to Construction issues, including Engineering, Architectural Design and Quantity Surveying.



The Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa emphasizes a point at a meeting that brought together Finance and Planning Minister Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba (left) and Tanzania Ambassador to Burundi Dr. Jilly Maleko (right) who represented Burundi to discuss the 282km modern Standard Gauge Railway construction project from Uvinza-Musongati-Gitega in Burundi. The meeting took place in Kigoma.

TANZANIA TO SOON COMMENCE UVINZA-MSONGATI - GITEGA RAILWAY PROJECT

By Ramsey Kanyanga

TANZANIA and Burundi have entered into an initial agreement to implement the construction of a modern Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) from Uvinza-Musongati to Gitega in Burundi. The construction of the SGR between the two countries that will also link up with the Democratic Republic of Congo is expected to boost transport services and also transportation of goods among the three countries.

Minister of Works and Transport of Tanzania, Prof. Makame Mbarawa said after signing the initial agreement where Burundi was represented by the Tanzania Ambassador to Burundi Dr. Jilly Maleko that at least 282 km of the SGR is expected to be constructed.

"This is a continuation of the construction of the SGR railway section from Tabora to Uvinza whose Contractor is expected to be announced soon," the Minister said.

The construction of the 282km long railway linking Gitega in Burundi has been divided into two parts from Uvinza to Malagarasi on the Tanzanian side with a length of 156 km and from Maragasi-Msongati to Gitega in Burundi with a length of 126 km.

The railway construction will benefit Tanzanians and Burundians while at the same time creating more employment and trade opportunities thus boosting the economies of the two countries.

According to the Minister, Rail transport was one of the easiest and cheapest mode of transport in the world.

He stressed that the collaborative construction

of the SGR between the two countries will be built with standards and urgency considering the good rapport being shared between the two countries.

The Minister said once completed, the passenger electric train will have a speed of 160km per hour with the freight train travelling at 120 km per hour.

On his part, the Finance and Planning Minister Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba said the inception of the project will accelerate the pace of raising funds for the project.

"The funds for implementation of the project will be available...and we expect it to be completed on time as planned by the Government," Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba pointed out.

He said the two countries will implement the project

together for murtual interest of their citizens and to catalyze their economic growth.

According to the Finance and Planning Minister, the SGR construction to Gitega in Burundi will ease transportation of mineral resources from Burundi to the port of Dar es Salaam.

According to the Tanzanian Ambassador to Burundi Dr. Jilly Maleko, the construction of the railway was part of the country's strategy to boost the economy and strengthen cooperation between Tanzania and Burundi.

The construction of the Uvinza-Msongati to Gitega Railway is a continuation of the Government of Tanzania's strategy to ensure that it connect itself to the neighboring countries and facilitate efficient and faster cargo transportation to and from the port of Dar es Salaam.

Mbarawa tells Employees to be diligent, aim high

By Deniza Cyprian

Employees under the Ministry of Works and Transport have been told to be diligent when exercising their duties while at the same time ensuring that they meet the set goals.

The Ministry of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa said recently on his official tour of Kigoma Region to inspect various projects being implemented under his ministry. The Minister called upon all staff of institutions under His Ministry to work hard, be honest at work places and ensure they timely achieve the objectives set by the government.

He said the government has allocated a lot of money to implement projects in various parts of the country, asking for the need to ensure that the ministry's staff work hard and assess themselves to ensure implemented projects benefit the public.



The Minister of Works and Transport, Prof. Makame Mbarawa, stresses a point to a Consultant Engineer Tadesse Diriba supervising the construction of the 70.50km Kanyani-Mvugwe Road in Kigoma Region

"Institutions under this Ministry need to set measurable goals and provide information to my office at all time, the government want quick positive change not business as usual," he said.

The Minister also underscored the importance of revenue-generating institutions saying such institutions need to increase revenue collections while at the same time provide services of the highest degree to the public.

Among revenue generating institutions which are under the Ministry of Works and Transport include; the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA), the Tanzania Electrical and Mechanical Services Agency (TEMESA), and the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC).

He also directed the management of the Tanzania Airports Authority (TAA) to put in place strategies to install lights using local funds in all airports without lights to improve service delivery.

"I want to you make sure that all funds provided by the government in all projects are directed as per the plan and spent timely in line with the value of the projects," he stressed.

Accompanied by the Minister of Finance and Planning Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba, the two ministers also inspected the construction of the Chankere-Kagunga Road in Kigoma North to ensure that it is accessible throughout the year.

According to the Works Minister, the government has already allocated Sh30bn to improve the road, which will promote tourism in the Gombe Reserve and ease transportation of goods in the region.

On his part, Finance and Planning Minister said his ministry was ready to provide funds in all underdeveloped areas in the country.

He said Kigoma was rich in economy especially agriculture and tourism, adding that the government will therefore work to ensure infrastructure such as roads, rails, ferries and ships are improved to open up the region to the world.

Prof. Mbarawa also inspected construction of a 260.6km Kabingo-Kasulu-Manyovu Road to bitumen standards urging contractors to complete the road on time.

The road has been divided into four section to ease construction work, ensuring timely completion by contractors, the Minister said.

Speaking at the inspection site, the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) Regional Manager for Kigoma Eng. Narcis Choma assured the Minister of timely road completion despite minor challenges.

FOCUS ON QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE-MBARAWA TELLS PORTS AUTHORITY



MSCL Acting Manager for Kigoma Region, Mr. Allen Butembelo briefs the Minister of Works and Transport Prof. Mbarawa on the progress of MT-Sangara ship repair recently in the region.

By Siti Said

THE Minister of Works and Transport Prof. Makame Mbarawa has called on Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA), to make timely supervision of projects so that they can be completed on time.

Prof. Mbarawa said there was need to ensure that TPA fully manage infrastructure projects by setting specific strategies to make timely inspections and hold regular meetings so that projects completed can have value for money.

The Minister was speaking in Kigoma after inspecting

the Kibirizi and Ujiji ports expansion projects.

He appealed to TPA to review all projects being implemented across the country and take appropriate actions and also increase the number of engineers in those projects.

"Tanzania Ports Authority have a number of projects which are being implemented across the country...these projects I have visited today along Lake Tanganyika are being implemented at a very slow pace," the Minister said.

He said it was surprising that the consulting engineer has been requesting to meet with the TPA to no avail. "If we continue to behave this way, we will not reach any where...public servants need to be committed and ensure they supervise government projects," he said.

He said the completion of these ports in Kigoma will facilitate transportation activities between the region and the neighboring countries including the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Burundi.

Prof. Mbarawa also inspected the progress of renovating MT-Sangara Ship assigning Maritime Services Company Limited (MSCL) to oversee every step of the project.

Speaking at the site where MT-Sangara Ship is being renovated, the Port Manager for Kigoma Mr. Manga Gasaya told the Minister that an assessment will be carried out in the next two weeks to ascertain project completion and audit schedules.

On his part, MSCL Acting Manager, Allen Butembelo said the repair of the MT-Sangara ship had already reached 40 percent.







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