



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

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A. Introduction

The Blueprint for Regulatory Reforms in Tanzania since 2018 serves as a pivotal framework designed to advance Tanzania's business environment and investment landscape. While we recognize significant achievements of the reform process to support private sector development, there are some incomplete reforms. We are excited to highlight the significant progresses made so far and the promising trajectory ahead of the incomplete reforms to improve the business environment and investment in Tanzania.

B. Highlight on Key Areas of Focus of Government of Tanzania in reform to bolster Business Environment and Investment Climate in Tanzania:

1. Streamlined Business Registration: Efforts are underway to simplify the business registration process, significantly reducing the time and cost associated with starting a business in Tanzania. By leveraging digital technologies, aspiring entrepreneurs can now navigate the registration landscape with ease and efficiency. Currently, a company can be registered in less than 8hrs.
2. Tax Incentives and Compliance: The government is actively reviewing its tax policies to create an environment that encourages investment. Tailored incentives for both local and foreign investors are being designed to promote industrialization, while ensuring compliance with tax obligations in a straightforward and transparent manner. This is evidenced by the Government's decision to set up a Presidential Commission for Tax Reform in Tanzania.
3. Access to Finance: Recognizing the vital role that access to finance plays in business growth, reforms are being implemented to enhance the lending environment. Initiatives include: improving credit accessibility for small and medium-

sized enterprises (SMEs), fostering partnerships among financial institutions, businesses and international development partners.

4. Regulatory Transparency and Accountability: Efforts are being made to bolster transparency within the regulatory framework. By establishing clear communication channels and stakeholder engagement platforms, the government is committed to ensuring that businesses are informed and can participate actively in the reform process from the Central government to Local Government. Examples include: the process of Preparing the Blueprint for Regulatory Reform in Tanzania 2018; The Implementation Process and Impact Assessment Report 2024, all of which were participatory, and all documents are publicly available. This clearly confirms The Government of Tanzania's allegiance to private sector development.

5. Infrastructure Development: Investment in critical infrastructure is a key component of the reforms agenda. Improvements in transport, energy, and technology infrastructure are paramount to creating an enabling environment for business operations and logistics. The Government of Tanzania is leading in infrastructure development, a good example is the reduction in travel time between Dar es Salaam and Dodoma, from an average of 8hrs to 3.5hrs by SGR Train.

6. Capacity Building and Skills Development: There is an ongoing commitment to enhancing human capital through training programs and partnerships with educational institutions. These initiatives aim to equip the workforce with the necessary skills to thrive in a dynamic business environment.

C. Incomplete Reform on Process 2024

As we move forward with the completion of the implementation of the Blueprint for Regulatory Reforms 2018, we remain optimistic about the transformative potential this initiative holds for Tanzania's economy. The collaborative efforts between the government, private sector, and civil society are instrumental in driving these reforms. We expect more collaborations with the private sector in Tanzania as we move to review Blueprint 2025.

We invite stakeholders, investors, and entrepreneurs to engage with us, as we work towards completing this ambitious reform agenda and the review of the Blueprint for Regulatory Reforms 2025. Together, we can create a robust business environment that not only attracts investment but also fosters sustainable economic growth for all Tanzanians. Join us in this journey as we continue to unlock Tanzania's potential, paving the way for a prosperous future. Below is table showing incomplete Reforms:

S/N	Institution	Incomplete Reform	Status of Implementation	TIMELINE
1.	Ministry of Health	The overlaps and duplication of mandate between TMDA and Pharmacy Council. The review of the legal framework, such that agencies mandated to regulate the sector take distinct regulatory roles according to their respective mandates and are well-coordinated.	On-going, all documents for reforms have been prepared and the process of approval within the Government is in progress	DEC 2025
		To merge Private Health Laboratory Board with Private Health Advisory Board into one agency	On-going, all documents for reforms have been prepared and the process of approval within the Government is in	DEC 2025

			progress.	
2.	POPI	Reviewing the Export Processing Zone Act and Tanzania Investment Act, so as to remove overlaps and t merge the institutions established under these Acts.	In Progress, the first draft was submitted to the Parliament.	DEC 2025
3.	Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport - TPA&TRA	Development of Tanzania Electronic Single Window System (TeWS).	The system is in the pilot phase with several institutions such as TBS, TMDA, TAEC, GCLA, Forestry, Agriculture Sector being integrated in the system.	DEC 2026
4	PMO Labour and Ministry of Home Affairs - OSHA&FFR	Building a system to connect regulatory authorities; OSHA and FFR, in the inspection activities on business premises. The aim is to have a system that can integrate and share data with other systems dealing with inspections.	System Development on Track	DEC 2025
5	President's Office - Regional Administration	Amendments to the Liquor Act of 1968 and Local Government Finance Act Section 290, to improve the	Review has started and it will be accomplished within the implementation period, as the project is scheduled to run until	DEC 2025

	and Local Government (TAMISEMI)	application procedures of Liquor licenses.	2025.	
		Amendments to the Local Governments' Finance Act, to change the fees for Billboards, Posters and Hoarding. The proposed changes are to be implemented countrywide in all Local Government Authorities.	The approval process for the Proposal within the Government is in progress.	DEC 2025
		Amendments to the Livestock and Disease Control Act 2013 to reduce fees and charges in the sector.	The approval process for the Proposal within the Government is in progress.	DEC 2025
		Amendments to the Fishery Act. 2013 to reduce fees and charges in this sector	The approval process for the Proposal within the Government is in progress.	DEC 2025
		Improve the Tax collection procedures in TRA and Local Governments. The system which was used by Local Governments (LGRCS) has been suspended and the new system was launched on 1 st July 2021 which is interfaced	The components of tax clearance and TIN are completed. The efforts for completing integration are ongoing.	DEC 2025

		with TRA's system for information sharing.		
		<p>The Local Government Finance Act Section 290 has been reviewed to reduce the fees for guest houses from 20% to 10% and is included in the Local Governments' By-laws.</p> <p>To harmonize the procedures for issuance of social exhibitions permits between Local Governments and the National Arts Council (BASATA).</p>	The approval process for the Proposal within the Government is in progress.	DEC 2025
		To review The Local Government Finance Act Section 290 to abolish the fee for music and retain the fee for disco.	The approval process for the Proposal within the Government is in progress.	DEC 2025
		To review The Local Government Finance Act Section 290 to abolish fees for mixed crops charged by local governments and leave that responsibility to the Cereal and Other Produce Board of Tanzania (CPB).	The approval process for the Proposal within the Government is in progress.	DEC 2025

		Local Governments to establish pilot one-stop-centres in the cities of Dar es Salaam and Mwanza.	This activity is on track and procurement of equipment and capacity-building service is underway for the Investment Industry and Trade Departments in LGAs.	DEC 2026
6	Ministry of Works and Transport - Sector of Works	To conduct a review to determine the validity period of Certificates and Licenses for Professionals registered in the Building Design and Building Appraisal sector.	On track but awaits the completion of the review of Law No. 4 of 2010.	DEC 2025
		Reviewing the Construction Industry Boards (SMT) Laws to establish a single Construction Industry Development Board. This aims to reduce the time and costs spent by stakeholders when dealing with all these regulatory authorities.	The Construction Industry Reform is Termed as Complex Reform Globally. Given the highlight of BLUEPRINT, the scope of work may change depending on the results of the study which is currently undertaken in collaboration with private sector. On the other hand, the development of the electronic single window for registration of projects is underway. This is on track.	DEC2026
7.	Ministry of	Review and amend The	This is on track and further	DEC 2025

	Livestock and Fisheries	Dairy Industry Act of 2004 and the Animal Disease Act of 2003 to charge a levy per consignment on the import/export of milk and milk products.	consultations with private stakeholders are going on.	
		Review laws and regulations on the Meat Industry to remove multiple regulatory roles and export taxes from agencies.	This is on track and awaits approval within the Government and will involve merging two institutions: Dairy Board and Meat Board.	DEC 2025
		Review of Fisheries Act Cap 279 of 2003 and related laws governing the fishery sector	The act was reviewed and resulted in the development of guidelines on fishing in small water bodies and wetlands. These guidelines are now in the final stage of approval. Once approved, they will enhance the business environment by adjusting specific fees , taxes and inspections, as well as setting clear regulations for fishing in small water bodies and wet land.	JUNE 2025

		To enhance Fisheries and Aquaculture Monitoring Data base system to capture required information	The activity is on track, TORs in place.	DEC 2025
8.	President's Office Public Service Management and Good Governance	2.1.1 Each regulatory authority carries out a detailed capacity needs assessment to establish resources needed, including skills expertise gaps, facilities and pro-private sector attitude	Designing of tools is on track.	DEC 2025
		2.1.4 Review and revise Performance Evaluation	On track.	DEC 2025

		Tool and performance contract system to include business environment strengthening for regulatory institutions		
9.	Prime Minister's Office– MUSB	2.2.3 Strengthen institutional capacity of private sector to effectively engage with the government formally, and to eliminate the vacuum and loopholes which encourage informal networking that in turn provide avenues for underserved privileges and corruption.	This activity is ongoing.	DEC 2025
10.	Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development	Institute a coordination mechanism among Land-responsible Institutions for easy access of land for investment.	On track; Service level agreement completed and E-Ardhi is fully operational (in phase), Tanzania Electronic Investment Single Window (TelW) and Tanzania Investment Database (NIDS) will address the coordination issues.	DEC 2026
11.	Ministry of Agriculture	Review of Laws and regulations regulating Crop Boards	On track within sectoral analysis and approval process. The Scope change will involve merging of institutions.	DEC 2026

12.	PO RALG and Ministry of Minerals	Review of By-Laws and regulations related to The Mining Sector and Mineral Processing.	100 by-laws used by LGAs to review and rationalise fees and charges have been identified, preliminary analysis has been done, currently in consultation with stakeholders and awaiting the Government approval.. Attached bylaws for review. <i>Annex No.1.</i>	DEC 2024
13	Vice President Office	Review of Environment Management Act No. 20, 2004	The fee, levy, penalty and permit application were reviewed. However, the scope of this activity has been expanded to take into consideration the establishment of a new authority that may need the enactment of a new Act.	DEC 2026
14	Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports	To Review laws and regulations governing creative industries	Reviewed of laws completed, regulations in final stage and awaits approval.	JUNE 2025
		Coordinate the operations of COSOTA, BASATA, TRA, TFB and related agencies to minimize cost/time burden on the private sector.	It's on track. Its now on the stage of system Development and integration.	DEC 2025
15	Ministry of Industry and	Review Business Licence Acts to harmonise.	On track within government approval process	DEC 2025

	Trade	Schedules of Licence for category A&B and emerging business.		
16.	Ministry of Tourism and Natural Resource	Inspection guidelines in Tourism.	At the final stage of Approval	DEC 2025
17	Ministry of Finance	Review of Service Levy.	In progress	DEC 2026
18.	POPI	Development of Tanzania Investment Database	In progress	DEC 2025

While celebrating the remarkable achievements in reforming the business environment, The United Republic of Tanzania would like to take this opportunity to encourage the private sector to place greater confidence in our Country's business environment and investment Climate. Tanzania is committed to supporting and enhancing your path towards surpassing business goals not just within our borders, but also extending your success across Africa via the East Africa Community (EAC), the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), The African Free Continental Trade Area (AfCFTA). Invest in Africa by Investing in Tanzania.

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Annex No. 1: List of By-Laws Used by LGA's to Charge Different Fees and Levies in Mining and Mineral Refining Activities

No.	Applicable law
1	Lindi Municipal Council By-Law for Building minerals (levy and fees), 2019
2	Liwale District Council By-Laws for Building minerals (levy and fees), 2018 Government Notice No. 537 of 21/09/2019
3	Tanga City Council By-Law for Building minerals (levy and fees), 2019
4	Msalala District Council By-Law for Building minerals (levy and fees), 2022
5	Kahama Town Council By-Law for Building minerals (levy and fees), 2022
6	Mbarali District Council By-Law for Building minerals (levy and fees), 2019
7	Kyela District Council By-Law for Building minerals (levy and fees), 2019
8	Kyela District Council By-Laws for Building minerals (levy and fees), 2020
9	Chunya District Council By-Laws for Building minerals (levy and fees), 2020
10	Mbeya City Council By-Laws for Building minerals (levy and fees), 2020
11	Ifakara Town Council By-Laws for Building minerals (levy and fees), 2017
12	Ulanga District Council By-Law for Building minerals (levy and fees), 2017
13	GN. 323 dated 25/08/2017
14	Ifakara District Ifakara Township Council (Fees and Levies) by laws 2017
15	GN. 335 of 08/09/2017
16	Gairo District Service Levies by laws, 2018
17	Morogoro District Council (Environment Conservation) by laws, 2015
18	Mvomero District Council (Fees and Levies) by laws, 2022
19	Chalinze District Council (construction minerals service levies), 2018
20	Chalinze District Council (Construction minerals Service levies), 2018
21	Bagamoyo District Council Service levy by laws, 2022
22	Mafinga Town Council (Service Levy and Fees) by laws, 2019
23	Iringa District Council (Fees and Service levy) by laws, 2017
24	Mufindi District Council (Fees and service levy) by laws, 2018
25	Kilolo District Council (building materials service Levies), 2014

26	Bukoba Municipal Council (Fee and Service Levies) amendment by laws, 2018
27	Misenyi District Council (Building materials levy) amendment, 2018
28	Ngara District Council (Fee and Levy) by laws, 2022
29	GN.Na. 477 of 01/07/2022
30	Itilima District Council (Fees and Levy) by laws, 2020
31	Maswa District Council (Fees and Levy) amendment by laws, 2022
32	Busega District Council (Fee and Levy) by laws. 2013
33	Nyasa District Council (Fees and Levy), 2021
34	Songea District Council (Fees and Levy) by laws, 2018
35	Mbinga District Council (Fees and Levy) by laws, 2019
36	Tunduru District Council (Fees and Levy) by laws, 2014
37	Tunduru District Council (Fees and Levy) by laws, 2022
38	Muleba District Council (Fees and levy) by laws, 2018
39	GN. Na. 352 of 27/7/2018
40	Sumbawanga District Council (Fees and Levy) by laws, 2019
41	GN. Na. 513 of 24/12/2010
42	Nkasi Districts Council (Fees and Levy) by laws Amendment, 2021
43	GN.Na. 276 of 19/03/2021
44	Kalambo/ Nkasi District Council (Mineral Levy) by laws, 2018
45	GN. Na. 209 of 11/05/2018
46	Chato District Council (Charges and Fees) by laws, 2017
47	GN. Na. 273 of 11/8/2017
48	Songwe District Council (Fees and Levy) by laws, 2019 GN.Na.807 of 01/11/2019
49	Mbozi District Council (Community Health Establishment Fund) By laws, 2019 GN. Na. 467 of 2019
50	Tunduma District Council (Fees and Levies) by laws, 2017
51	Bomba District Council (Levy), by laws, 2017
52	Same District Council (Fees and Levy), 2020
53	GN. Na. 460 of 12/6/2020
54	Arusha Municipal Council (Levy) by laws, 2018

55	Nsimbo District Council (Fees and Levy) by laws, 2017
56	Newala Township Council (Fees and Levy) by laws. 2019
57	GN. Na 317 of 8/4/2019
58	Mtwara District Council (Fee and Levy) by laws, 2018
59	GN.Na. 647 of 26/10/2018
60	Babati District Council (Levy) by laws, 2003
61	Hanang' District Council Fees and Levy
62	Tarime District Council (levy)by laws, 2009
63	GN. Na. 163 of 12/6/2009
64	Buhigwe District Council (fees and levy) by laws, 2019
65	Kakonko District Council (Fees and Levy) by laws.
66	Mpwapwa District Council (Fees and Levy) by laws,GN.Na. 132
67	Dodoma Municipal Council (Fees and Levy)by laws, 2014
68	GN.Na. 165 of 13/06/2014
69	Tabora District council (building materials levy) by laws, 2019
70	GN.Na. 378 of 22/09/2017
71	Igunga District Council Fees and Levy by laws, 2021
72	Tangazo la GN.Na. 283 of 19/03/2021
73	Nzega District Council (Fees and levy)by laws, 2017
74	GN.Na. 167 of 07/04/2017
75	Urambo District Council (Fees and levy) by laws, 2014
76	Sikonge District Council (Fees and Levy) by laws, 2017
77	GN. Na. 574 of 18/12/2015
78	Singida Municipal Council (health and environment) by laws, 2019
79	GN. Na. 159 of 22/2/2019
80-100	Finance Act Cap. 290 R.E 2019



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