THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE



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In an effort to add value to agricultural commodities, the Ministry of Agriculture has been allocated 20 acres of land by the Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) at Kurasini for the purpose of establishing an Agricultural Hub which will serve as One Stop Centre for managing agricultural Trade.

The main objectives for the Agricultural hub are to:

- Reduce transaction costs for Exporters and Traders of agricultural products by having all relevant authorities such as TRA, TBS, TMDA and other regulatory authorities to facilitate Agricultural Trade under one roof;
- ii. Improve quality of agricultural exports;
- iii. Increase efficiency in cargo handling and establishing a state of the art greenbelt connected to Dar es salaam Port;
- iv. Increase competitiveness of Tanzania Agricultural products through the use of the Commodity Exchange Market (TMX);
- v. Facilitate exports by linking the Commodity Market Exchange with Port services and Agricultural Hub; and
- vi. Develop a modern cold chain facility for horticultural produce that will facilitate effective exportation.

The Ministry intends to conduct a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and developing a Master Plan for the area to determine the best use of the land. With respect to ownership of national development process, it is highly encouraged the Private Sector and relevant Public Institutions involved in the Agricultural Sector Business to participate in this project design by advising what should be considered viable by the Government prior to finalization of the project design. In a similar vein, the Government in partnership with the Private Sector will be able to establish infrastructures and facilities in accordance with agribusiness requirements.

The Tanzania Coffee Board together with the Private Sector have been assigned to coordinate this project including seeking and documenting opinions from stakeholders. As a start, the Ministry of Agriculture through the Tanzania Coffee Board has announced a tender seeking consultancy services for the preparation of a conceptual master plan and strategic environmental assessment for the Kurasini Special Economic Zone (SEZ).

For your inputs and suggestions please contact:

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