



SME DEVELOPMENT FORUM

20 July 2026
Morogoro, Tanzania

The role of hubs and clusters in
small and medium enterprise
development

08:00 AM – 08:50 AM	ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION	All participants
08:50 AM – 9:00 AM	THE GUEST OF HONOUR VISITING THE EXHIBITION AREA	High table
09:00 AM – 09:10 AM	INTRODUCTORY REMARKS	Mr. Kadari Singo, Chief Executive Officer, UONGOZI Institute
09:10 AM – 09:20 AM	WELCOMING MESSAGE	Hon. Adam Malima, Morogoro Regional Commissioner
09:20 AM – 10:00 AM	SPEECH BY THE GUEST OF HONOUR	Hon. Dennis Londo (MP), Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: THE ROLE OF INNOVATIVE HUBS AND CLUSTERS IN SME DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIALISATION IN TANZANIA	Dr. Hezron Makundi, Senior Lecturer, University of Dar es Salaam
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	GROUP PHOTOS AND TEA BREAK	
11:00 AM – 12:00 NOON	WHAT ARE GOVERNANCE AND COORDINATION FRAMEWORKS NEEDED TO ENSURE HUBS AND CLUSTERS PROMOTE SME DEVELOPMENT?	<i>Brief presentation</i> Dr. Josaphat Kweka, CEO, Talanta International <i>Panel discussion</i> • Dr. Josaphat Kweka, CEO, Talanta International • Ms. Costansia Akaro, Assistant Director (SME), Ministry of Industry and Trade • Dr. Mwajuma Hamza, Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce • Dr. Gerald Kafulu, Manager for Innovation Foresight and Emerging Technology, COSTECH • Mr. Pascal Kirenga, Consultant, KAKUTE Hub <i>Moderator</i> Dr. Nicholas Tutuba, Manager for Research and Development, National Planning Commission



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12:00 NOON – 1:00 PM

HOW CAN FINANCIAL AND MARKET SYSTEMS BE REDESIGNED TO SUPPORT SME GROWTH PATHWAYS?

Brief presentation

Dr. Anna Temu, Senior Lecturer, Sokoine
University of Agriculture

Panel discussion

- Dr. Anna Temu, Senior Lecturer, Sokoine University of Agriculture
- Mr. Baraka Kiyalo, Chief Head of Business Empowerment, CRDB Foundation
- Mr. Revocatus Kimario, Executive Director, Sokoine University Graduate Entrepreneurs Cooperative (SUGECO)
- Mr. Musa Kamata, Group COO, Sahara Ventures

Moderator

Dr. Nicholas Tutuba, Manager for Research and Development, National Planning Commission

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

WHAT SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO HELP SMES MOVE FROM SURVIVAL TO GROWTH?

Brief presentation

Ms. Promise Mwakale, Hub Manager, Buni Hub

Panel discussion

- Ms. Promise Mwakale, Hub Manager, Buni Hub
- Ms. Jolenta Joseph, Executive Director, SANAVITA, Morogoro
- Ms. Irene Mdegipala, Founder of Lordfather Company, Iringa
- Mr. David Davis, Executive Director, CutOff Recycle Limited

Moderator

Mr. Heric Thomas, Researcher, STIPRO

3:30 PM – 3:50 PM

SUMMARY OF THE KEY MESSAGES

Ms. Betty Humplick, Rapporteur

3:50 PM – 4:00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Costansia Akaro, Assistant Director (SME),
Ministry of Industry and Trade