# **VOTE** FOR **TANZANIA** TO THE ITU COUNCIL 2018-2022







**TANZANIA** Candidate for Re-election to the ITU Council 2018-2022 for Region - D

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# Re-Elect Tanzania to the ITU Council for the period 2018-2022 for the African Region

Tanzania has been a member of the ITU since 1962 and has immensely participated and actively contributed in the works and activities of the Union through council membership, participation in meetings, conferences and events of the Union, hosting of ICT events in the country as well as implementing decisions and resolutions of the Union.

As an active Council Member of the 2014-2018 period, Tanzania has voiced and consistently endeavored to achieve the mission and purpose of the Union as well as effectively cooperated with other ITU Member states. Our country has taken measures to mitigate risks that come with the growth of the ICTs by providing a safe environment for digital participation.

Tanzania is seeking to be re-elected to the ITU Council for the period 2018-2022 for the African Region. Tanzania has greatly participated in various ITU events such as ITU Study Groups, World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, World Telecommunication Development Conference, World Radiocommunication Conference, ITU Council and ITU Telecom World.

Along with ITU, Tanzania has hosted ITU workshops and meetings, including the FIRST-ITU Regional Symposium for Africa and Arab Regions; & Applied Learning for Emergency Response Teams (ALERT) in 2017 and The 8th Green Standards Week in 2018.

## **TANZANIA COMMUNICATION SECTOR**

The communication sector in Tanzania has grown significantly over the past few years. The country has one of the fastest growing communication sector in Africa that is accelerated by necessary Government's interventions including: policies, regulations and legislation. As a result, there is a remarkable increase of the number of licensees; types of technologies used and number of services provided to consumers. Tanzania was the first country in Africa to migrate into Converged Licensing Framework (CLF).

Mobile network population coverage in the country is 94 percent with mobile subscriptions of 41,833,834. There were 22,995,109 internet users by June 2018; with internet penetration of 45 percent. The development of mobile networks has led to the increase of mobile financial services. The average amount of mobile money that cross mobile networks per month is TZS. 10.38 trillion (*the exchange rate is 2,200 TZS. to the US \$*).

Tanzania was one among very few countries in Africa that managed to successful migrate from Analogue to Digital Terrestrial

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Television Broadcasting countrywide by the ITU set deadline of 17th June 2015. It was the first country in Africa to conduct successful spectrum auction for 700 MHz band, which was released after the migration. The move will advance the country's mobile broadband infrastructure and capability and will also promote efficient provision of services such as education, health, agriculture, commerce, financial services through ICTs.

The country has invested in broadband infrastructure and deployed over 25,000 kilometres of fiber optic cables that form the National ICT Broadband Backbone (NICTBB).It connects all administrative regions and districts as well as datacenters.

The country has implemented Internet Protocol/Multiprotocol Label Switching (IP/MPLS) network to facilitate provision of lower bandwidth capacities with high speed and enhanced security.

### TANZANIA CONTRIBUTION TO ITU CONNECT 2020 AGENDA

Tanzania has established Universal Communications Service Access Fund to bridge the digital divide between the urban and rural areas and enable full participation of all in the digital economy which is key for meeting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Fund provides subsidies to mobile operators who provide telecommunications services in a set of un-served or under-served areas. TE FOR TANKANILA TO THE ITU COUNCIL 2018-2022

To mitigate the risks that come with the growth of the ICTs, Tanzania has established the Computer Emergency Response Team (TZ-CERT) and the Cybercrime Unit under the Tanzania Police Force to help provide alerts on possible cyber-attacks at national and international levels as well as giving possible mitigation systems.

Legal frameworks have also been updated to include the Cybercrime Act No. 14 of 2015 and the Electronic Transaction Act No. 13 of 2015. The country is in the process of enacting the Personal Data Protection Act; in line with Regional and International cyber laws frameworks.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT**

Tanzania invested in National ICT Broadband Backbone (NICTBB) that connect all administrative regions, districts, datacenters and national border points. The backbone provides major links to landlocked neighbors countries of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, DRC, Zambia and Malawi. The backbone also connects to Kenya;

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Tanzania hosted the 8th Green Standards Week in April 2018



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Implemented the Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) to enhance security at the dot tz (.tz) country code Top Level Domain; Deployment of Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) to enhance security of electronic transactions.

## OUR COMMITMENT AND PLEDGE

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Tanzania is committed to continue collaborating with other ITU member states for greater development of ICT in Africa and the entire world through the ITU Council. Through its experience gained from participating in the Council and other ITU activities, Tanzania is confident that upon re-elected as Council member, it will significantly contribute to the development of ITU and realization of a harmonized global ICT framework.

We are ready to render our utmost active support, participation and contribution to the ITU towards reaching the Union's goals through the work of the Council.

Tanzania is requesting all ITU Members States to support its candidature for the ITU Council for the period 2018-2022 representing the African Region.

