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Tanzania signs contracting deals with China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) and China Railway Construction Company (CRCC) on 20 December to complete phase 5 of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR). Progress on the SGR surpasses regional competitor Kenya in linking East African coastal ports with inland trade routes. The long-anticipated Julius Nyerere Hydropower Plant Project (JNHPP) begins to fill with water on 22 December, increasing Tanzania's electrical capacity to an estimated 3,800 Megawatts (MW). However, the recent drought reveals the importance of diversifying energy sources to enable greater reliability during dry seasons. President Samia Suluhu Hassan (2021-present) lifts the six-year ban on political parties holding rallies. While received optimistically, parties are reminded to tread carefully as further restrictive policies require review. Hassan's recent reshuffle of government positions on 3 and 6 January reveals her drive to root out corruption and scandal to restore Tanzania's image abroad. Hassan will continue to consolidate her power base ahead of the 2025 general election, and further changes can be expected.

Tanzania edges ahead in East Africa's railway race

The **Tanzanian** government signed a \$2.2 billion deal with **China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC)** and **China Railway Construction Company (CRCC)** to construct the final 506km of **Tanzania's** standard gauge railway (SGR) on 20 December. The SGR project is a 2,561km network that, once complete, will link **Dar es Salaam** port to **Mwanza** on **Lake Victoria** with additional routes to neighbouring **Rwanda**, **Burundi**, and the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**.¹ Construction on the SGR was inaugurated in April 2017 and the first stretch between Dar es Salaam and **Morogoro** is expected to be operational for passenger transit in February 2023 but full completion is not expected until 2026.²

The deal comes just over a month after President **Samia Suluhu Hassan's** (2021-present) state visit to China, where she signed 15 strategic agreements including a \$56.72m soft loan agreement for various infrastructure projects (see *ARC Briefing Tanzania Nov 2022*). While former president **John Magufuli** (2015-2021) was critical of Chinese investment, suspending \$10 billion in funding from China for the construction of **Bagamoyo** port, Hassan's government seems committed to putting Tanzania back onto the map of China's **Belt and Road Initiative**.³

The SGR will promote Tanzania as **East Africa's** preferred gateway for cross-border and overseas trade through its seaports in addition to providing cargo transportation to and from inland African countries and enabling access to a market of over 300 million people.⁴ The mineral-rich region of eastern DRC alone offers logistics companies a potential of 150 million tonnes of goods for transport at a cost ranging from \$4000 to \$6000 per tonne.⁵ The railway will additionally reduce transport time from 30 days by truck to just 30 hours by 2027.⁶

Tanzania's SGR is in direct competition with **Kenya's** recently stalled SGR plans - in a 2014 tripartite agreement, Kenya agreed with **Uganda** and Rwanda to build a railway running from **Mombasa**

¹ Tanzania Invest, 22 Dec 2022

² The Citizen, 24 Nov 2022

³ The Citizen, 21 Sep 2020

⁴ Daily News, 12 Dec 2022

⁵ Business Daily, 3 Jan 2023

⁶ Business Insider Africa, 21 Dec 2022

(Kenya) through Uganda to Rwanda. However, to date, only the Mombasa-Nairobi leg with an extension to **Naivasha** (Kenya) has been built after China dropped its earlier promise to fund further construction to the Ugandan border.⁷ Hassan has stated that the SGR better positions Tanzania to “*utilise its strategic geographical positioning*” in facilitating regional cross-border trade, capitalising on Kenya’s stagnation.⁸

Hassan revealed following the signing that investment in the multi-phase SGR project had reached TSh 24 trillion (\$10.04 billion), and, reacting to criticism over mounting debt stated, “*today’s pain for Tanzanians will be tomorrow’s long-term gain.*”⁹ However, knowing the high cost of the railway has made some observers sceptical that passengers will have to bear the brunt of repaying the government’s loans. The recently proposed railway fares by **Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC)** include fares of TSh 24,794 (\$10.50) between Dar es Salaam and **Morogoro** and TSh 59,494 (\$25.40) between Dar es Salaam and **Dodoma**. Acting executive **Leo Ngowi** of the **Consumer Consultative Council of the Land Transport Regulatory Authority (Latra CCC)** demanded that the Dar es Salaam-Morogoro fare be reduced to TSh 8,000 (\$3.41), and the Dar es Salaam-Dodoma fare not exceed TSh 19,000 (\$8.10) noting that if the TRC does not lower the fares, the SGR will struggle to get passengers.¹⁰

Anna Henga, executive director for the **Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC)** similarly expressed that ticket prices should be affordable to enable travellers to use the long-awaited railway.¹¹ With Tanzania’s population of 63 million people, attracting higher numbers of rail users with lower fares may ensure a more sustainable method of recovering construction costs and reduce the risk of the SGR becoming a burden on the economy.

Julius Nyerere Hydropower project fills as Tanzania recovers from drought

President Hassan, accompanied by **Egypt’s** foreign minister **Sameh Shoukry** officiated the 22 December opening of the diversion channel to begin filling the dam of the **Julius Nyerere Hydropower Plant Project (JNHPP)**. The TSh 6.55 trillion (\$2.77 billion) 2,115 megawatts (MW) project had been proposed since the 1980s under the presidency of **Julius Nyerere** (1964-1985) and gained traction under former president Magufuli who wanted to make the project a flagship accomplishment of his government.¹²

The project, power station, and dam are owned and managed by state-owned **Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO)** and the dam’s main body, built by Egypt’s consortium of **Arab Contractors** and **Elsewedy Electric** was recently completed in October 2022. Energy minister **January Makamba** stated at the opening that the dam is 78% complete and the turbines will be switched on in April before being fully operational by 2024.¹³

Construction of the plant was stalled in part due to its location in the **Selous Game Reserve**, a **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** world heritage site.¹⁴ **Maharage Chande**, director general of TANESCO said in an online discussion on the economic importance of the dam that in implementing the steps of the project, the government considered and continues to follow up on the conditions of international environmental protection.¹⁵

Tanzania currently has an installed power capacity of around 1,600 MW - 48% of this capacity comes from natural gas, 31% from hydropower while solar power contributes less than 1%.¹⁶ The JNHPP will enable installed capacity to increase to an estimated 3,800 MW, giving a much-needed boost to

⁷ South China Morning Post, 24 Dec 2022

⁸ The East African, 25 Dec 2022

⁹ The East African, 25 Dec 2022

¹⁰ The Citizen, 20 Dec 2022

¹¹ IPP Media, 10 Dec 2022

¹² The Citizen, 22 Dec 2022

¹³ World Energy, 26 Dec 2022

¹⁴ World Wildlife Fund Report ‘The True Cost of Power’ February 2017

¹⁵ The Citizen, 22 Dec 2022

¹⁶ Clean Technica, 27 Dec 2022

power economic growth in a country that needs 60,000 MW.¹⁷ Despite the importance of hydropower projects, particularly as a source of renewable energy, observers note the need to diversify Tanzania's energy sources to increase energy security and meet growth targets.¹⁸ The recent drought affecting East Africa highlights the risk of over-dependence on hydropower and in late November authorities announced electricity rationing due to the decrease in power generation caused by low water levels in hydropower plants. Exploring investment in solar power has the potential to make a significant impact in improving the reliability of power provision during further anticipated droughts. Tanzania has high levels of solar energy, ranging between 2,800 and 3,500 hours of sunshine per year.¹⁹ Although the government currently supports solar development by removing VAT and import taxes on the main solar components (panels, batteries, inverters, and regulators), there is still sluggish growth of the solar power market due to fragmented financing plans, poor service after sales, and technical weaknesses in batteries and solar lamps.²⁰

President Hassan lifts ban on political rallies

President Hassan announced during a state house meeting with leaders from Tanzania's 19 registered political parties on 3 January that the government will review the controversial **Political Parties Act** of 2016 and lift the ban on opposition parties holding political rallies.²¹ Former president Magufuli enacted the 2016 policy whereby only the ruling **Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM)** was allowed to gather and other political parties were banned from holding public meetings, resulting in frequent detentions and arrests of opposition figures and clash with the police who, emboldened by the **Police Force Act**, are allowed to use their discretion in regards what constitutes an illegal meeting. While no change has been announced to the Police Force Act yet, constitutional, and legal affairs minister **Damas Ndumbaro** stated that "*all the relevant laws will be worked upon*" through the **Law Reforms Commission**.²²

The reversal of the Political Parties Act was one of the main proposals of the government-sanctioned task force looking into constitutional review (*see ARC Briefing Tanzania Nov 2022*) and is part of Hassan's 4Rs Initiative - Reconciliation, Resilience, Reforms, and Rebuilding.²³ Hassan, during her speech, reminded political parties to conduct politics "*positively*" without disrupting peace and development efforts:

It is the right of political parties to hold rallies, but we all have responsibilities...security will evaluate your requests, if there is any threat they won't allow you, but for the step we are in right now, they will definitely allow you to conduct your rallies."²⁴

This reminder provides a mixed message to the freedom of opposition politicians and their parties; while recognising their constitutional right to hold meetings, and lifting the written act which had prohibited it, their activities will be closely monitored and subject to scrutiny.

Chadema, the second biggest party in Tanzania has announced its first national rally to take place on 21 January, where it will be under a lot of pressure to hold the rally without incidents while a heavy police and media presence is expected. It is likely that if anything untoward occurs, Chadema risk the ability to assemble in the future for themselves and other parties.

Hassan's decision was welcomed by politicians including Chadema national chairman **Freeman Mbowe** who had been previously arrested in July 2021 ahead of a public rally to demand constitutional reforms. Mbowe noted after the state house meeting that the most important

¹⁷ The Citizen, 22 Dec 2022

¹⁸ Clean Technica, 27 Dec 2022

¹⁹ Tanzania Invest, accessed 9 Jan 2022

²⁰ Health Policy Watch, 25 Nov 2022

²¹ The Citizen, 4 Jan 2023

²² The Citizen, 4 Jan 2023

²³ BBC News, 3 Jan 2023

²⁴ Reuters, 3 Jan 2023

consideration for the law review is that it will be done in a “*fully participatory manner*.”²⁵ **ACT-Wazalendo** leader **Zitto Kabwe** commended Hassan on the reversal:

*“This is the year of political reform...it is the year of democracy. Only through rallies can the people get to hear what political party leaders have to say.”*²⁶

President Hassan makes changes to government yet again

President Hassan fired **Kennedy Gastorn**, permanent representative to the UN and ambassador to the **United States (US)**, over an alleged corruption scandal on 3 January. Gastorn had held the position since March 2020 and although no details were disclosed for the cause of his dismissal, in a televised address Hassan said that the change was part of the government’s efforts to “*clean house and restore proper status in all its diplomatic offices abroad*.”²⁷ Hassan appointed **Hussein Katanga**, former chief secretary and the president’s closest aide at State House, to replace Gastorn.

One of the known issues that may have contributed to Gastorn’s dismissal is the mismanagement of the government’s building in **New York (US)** which was purchased in 2011 for \$24.5m. The embassy resides on the 5th and 6th floors of ‘Tanzania House’ and the rest of the building was intended to be rented out, however, between February 2020 and December 2021 there were allegedly no tenants, causing higher costs for the government and resulting in a lack of upkeep on the building itself.²⁸ Controller auditor general (CAG) **Charles Kichere** noted in the 2021/2022 audit report that the building owed \$376,798 in taxes by 1 April 2021 of which only \$172,704 had been paid, leaving a total of \$204,094 accruing interest.²⁹

In addition to wanting to root out corruption and restore Tanzania’s reputation abroad, Hassan has often accused rivals inside the government of trying to damage her leadership. Members of the ruling CCM allegedly insisted during the party’s December national congress that there were “*detractors*” within the ruling party who were derailing the implementation of the 2020 election manifesto.³⁰ Hassan also hinted at yet more government reorganisation during the congress:

*“I need your blessings for me to go and shake up the government. I need a team that will be able to match my speed and implement the resolutions that the party has reached today.”*³¹

Hassan reshuffled her cabinet three times in 2022 as she worked to end growing divisions with the CCM (see *ARC Briefing Tanzania Feb, Apr & Oct 2022*). Political observers view Hassan’s government reshuffles as attempts to consolidate her power base before the October 2025 general election where she will seek to run for the presidency for the first time. If elected, she will only be eligible to serve one five-year term as she will have already served over two-thirds of former president Magufuli’s second term.³²

Hassan also announced on 3 January the appointments of **Diwani Athumani Msuya** to permanent secretary in the office of the president, **Moses Mvogole Kusiluka** to chief secretary and **Said Hussein Masoro** to head of the **Tanzania Intelligence and Security Services (TISS)**. However, Hassan revoked Msuya’s appointment on 5 January, replacing him with senior state house official **Mululi Majula Mahendeka**. Media reports state that Msuya was fired due to undisclosed reasons, however, there is speculation that ‘spy boss’ Msuya, who held the positions of director general of the **Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB)** and **Director of Criminal Investigations (DCI)** before being appointed as head of TISS in 2019, saw the appointment to permanent secretary as a demotion and thus refused the role.³³

²⁵ The East African, 7 Jan 2023

²⁶ The Citizen, 4 Jan 2023

²⁷ The East African, 4 Jan 2023

²⁸ The Chanzo Initiative, 4 Jan 2023

²⁹ The Citizen, 31 Mar 2022

³⁰ The East African, 4 Jan 2023

³¹ The Citizen, 9 Dec 2022

³² The East African, 4 Jan 2023

³³ Jamii Forums, 5 Jan 2023

What to watch

President Hassan has made several attempts to reverse the oppressive policies of her predecessor Magufuli, and since assuming the presidency in 2021, has lifted a ban on four newspapers, endorsed a task force to investigate constitutional review and citizen's views on multi-partyism, and, most recently, lifted the ban on political parties holding rallies. While the announcement is notable, it is important to watch whether the promised policy review will be implemented in the following months and whether the relevant associated laws, including **Media Services Act 2016**, the **Cybercrimes Act 2015**, and the **Electronic and Postal (Online Content) Regulations 2010**, are amended as needed to restore political freedoms. Although Hassan has verbally committed to embracing a more equal political playing field, she will likely prioritise securing her political future over embracing fully open political debate in traditional journalism as well as on social media platforms.

The year ahead should see significant progress on several large projects in Tanzania. The government signed the initial Host Government Agreement (HGA) with **Anglo-Dutch Shell** and **Norwegian** headquartered **Equinor** for the \$30 billion liquefied natural gas (LNG) offshore project in southern **Lindi** in June 2022 (see *ARC Tanzania Briefing Jul 2022*). Negotiations which were anticipated in December are now expected in February.³⁴ Once the final HGA is made the Lindi region will likely receive greater domestic and international attention as various sectors prepare for construction - a boost in growth in facilities such as warehouse storage, hotels, and transport infrastructure is to be expected. The **East African Crude Oil Pipeline's (EACOP)** construction is also visibly progressing and while in 2022 the focus was on procuring relevant land, formulating engineering details, and conducting environmental impact assessments, the main construction is expected to begin this year. Additionally, the Bagamoyo port project should experience forward movement in the coming months after preparations began in September 2022. Upon completion, Bagamoyo port will be the largest port in East Africa and will relieve congestion from the Dar es Salaam port.³⁵ Tanzania's investment in port infrastructure combined with the standard gauge railway (SGR) linking Tanzania's ports with inland countries further materialises Hassan's goal of positioning Tanzania as the economic and logistical hub of East Africa.

Planner

- 12 Jan 2023 **(Tanzania)** Revolution Day (national holiday)
- 15-18 Jan 2023 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** Swedish backed MTI Investor Trip
- 23-24 February 2023 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** Zanzibar Tourism Investment Association (ZATIA)
- 23-24 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** European Union-Tanzania Business Forum
- 23-25 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** Power and Energy Africa exhibition and conference
- 15-16 March 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** East Africa LPG Exposition
- 31 May-3 Jun 2023 **Arusha (Tanzania)** UNESCO World Heritage conference
- 2023 **(Tanzania)** Commencement of construction of **Bagamoyo** Port
- 2024 **(Tanzania)** Local elections
- 2025 **(Tanzania)** General elections

³⁴ The Citizen, 22 Dec 2022

³⁵ The Citizen 24 Sep 2022; IPP Media, 3 Oct 2022

Chronology

- 9 Jan 2023 **Tabora (Tanzania)** *IPP Media*. State attorney **Tumaini Maingu** accuses **Charles Augustine**, a Youtuber, of 8 charges including publishing false information and publishing without a valid license from the **Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority (TCRA)**;
- 8 Jan 2023 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Minerals minister **Doto Biteko** states that the government is in the process of resuming gemstone auctions;
- 7 Jan 2023 **Fort Ikoma (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania National Parks Authority** commissions the \$3.2m construction of **Serengeti National Park Golf Course (Mara region)**
- 7 Jan 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Bloomberg*. **President Hassan** names **Emmanuel Tutuba** as central bank governor;
- 6 Jan 2023 **Njombe (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Investment, industry and trade minister, **Ashatu Kijaji**, says the finance and planning ministry will convene a public meeting for businesses and other stakeholders in the country's economy to present taxation-related issues on 11 January;
- 6 Jan 2023 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Ben Mfungo Sulus**, head of the **Federation of Tanzania Forestry Industries** says 26 barriers affecting the timber sector have been removed and an increased number of woods processing industries, positioning the sector for a major boost;
- 5 Jan 2023 **Tandahimba (Tanzania)** *European Food Agency*. **Dutch** company **Monchy food company (MFC)** closes the acquisition of **Amama Farms** cashew processing plant;
- 5 Jan 2023 **Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)** *Arab News*. **Arabia Ali Mwadini**, ambassador to **Saudi Arabia** and Saudi foreign affairs vice-minister **Waleed Elkhareiji** discuss common issues and review ways to enhance bilateral ties;
- 3 Jan 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Chinese** customs data shows that Tanzanian sesame exports, enabled by China's tariff-free treatment of imported sesame seeds from Tanzania, increased by 19.1% to \$167m between January to November 2022;
- 3 Jan 2023 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Government terminates **Zanzibar Fisheries Company (ZAFICO)** agreement with **Sri Lanka's Hairu Group of Companies (HGC)** after HGC failed to execute a fish processing plant project in **Unguja**;
- 2 Jan 2023 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *Mwanachi*. **Shariff Ali Shariff**, director of the **Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (Zipa)**, says that the organisation will not hesitate to confiscate land from investors who have purchased land yet do not have development plans;
- 2 Jan 2023 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA)** outsources management operations of berths eight through eleven of the **Dar es Salaam Port to India's Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ)**;
- 2 Jan 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)** records TSH 2.77 trillion (\$1.18 billion) in tax collections in December 2022, the highest monthly collection recorded since the authority was formed in 1996;
- 1 Jan 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Crisis 24*. **Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS)** announce the closure of the **Tanzanite Bridge** in Dar es Salaam from 2-9 January for safety reasons;
- 31 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **AD Scientific Index 2023** ranks **Tanzania** second in **East Africa** and ninth in **Africa** based on the number of scientists who have significantly advanced science;
- 31 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. **Bank of Tanzania (BoT)** (central bank) blames high inflation on an "unpleasant external environment, combined with elevating domestic supply-side constraints" in its Q3 economic bulletin;

31 Dec 2022 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *IPP Media*. Blue economy and fisheries minister **Suleiman Masoud Makame** announces the finalisation of drafts of three bills for strengthening the protection of marine resources and stimulating fisheries, aquaculture, and research activities;

30 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Health minister **Umyy Mwalimu** announces plans to expand the **Jakaya Kikwete Cardiovascular Institute (JKCI)** in a joint venture with the **Chinese** government;

29 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Tanzania Daily News*. **Oryx Gas Tanzania Ltd**, the investment group subsidiary of **Switzerland**-based **AOG**, launches a programme to train consumers and communities on the safe use of **Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG)**;

29 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Dar es Salaam Rapid Transit Agency (Dart)** is expected to engage contractors for the expansion of the city's bus rapid transit network (BRT) after securing \$97.7m from the **World Bank** and \$189.9m from the **French Development Agency (AFD)** for the construction of phases four and five of the six-phase project;

29 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Works and transport minister **Makame Mbarawa** announces the signing of a contract between government and the **China National Aero-technology International Engineering Corporation (AVIC-ENG)** for the first phase of construction of the 36.3kms road section from **Kitulo** to **Inihio** in **Njombe** Region;

27 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IPP Media*. **Tanzania's Pula Graphite Partners** and its parent company, **Pula Group** demand \$195m in damages from **South Africa's African Rainbow Minerals (ARM)**, alleging that ARM breached non-disclosure and non-compete agreements;

27 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)**'s Global Innovation Index reports that **Tanzania** performed above expectations under the lower middle-income category, emerging as one of the leading countries in innovation in Africa for 2022;

26 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Vice president **Philip Mpango** calls for Tanzanians to enhance child protection amidst police reports which showed a 25.95% increase in child sexual abuse cases from 2015 to 2020;

22 Dec 2022 **Bagamoyo (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA)** deputy director general **Juma Kijavara** announces that TPA will take over cargo handling services of berths eight to 11 from **Tanzania International Container Services (TICTS)**;

21 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Biometric Update*. **Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA)** urges people to check that they have biometrically registered their SIM cards, phone lines and internet connections ahead of the current deactivation deadline of 31 January 2023;

19 Dec 2022 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. President **Hussein Mwinyi** directs ministries and public institutions to implement Kiswahili in meetings, forums, seminars, workshops and in documents writing to promote the language;

17 Dec 2022 **Dodoma (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Government launches guidelines and regulations for doing carbon business in the country, instructing the vice president's office's **Environment Department, Carbon Monitoring Centre** and the **National Environmental Management Council (NEMC)** to cooperate with all sectors in all regions to oversee its implementation;

17 Dec 2022 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA)**'s executive director **Shariff Ali Sharif** says the authority is giving special consideration to the promotion of foreign and domestic investment in the islands including buyers of real estate development being eligible for 100% ownership and a resident permit;

15 Dec 2022 **Washington DC (United States)** *State Department Press Release*. Foreign minister **Stergomena Tax** and **United States** deputy secretary **Wendy Sherman** discuss increasing

cooperation on information and communications technology, trade, investment, and agriculture on the side lines of the **US-Africa Leaders Summit**;

14 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania (BoT)** reports cargo handling at sea and lake ports increased by 14.9% to 19.8 million tonnes in the fiscal year ending June 2022;

13 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Bank of Tanzania (BoT)** places **Yetu Microfinance Bank Plc** under statutory administration after the microfinance bank fails to meet regulatory requirements regarding liquidity and capital adequacy;

9 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM)** executive secretary **Felix Ngamlagosi** lists Tanzania as one of the five designated countries set to benefit from a global \$350m fund disbursed through the **Climate Investment Funds (CIF)** to finance nature-based solutions to climate change threats;

8 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Information, communications, and information technology minister **Nape Nnauye** reiterates government's plan to connect regions, districts and villages with the national fibre optic cable in line to ensure that 80% of Tanzanians have access to internet services by 2025;

8 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. **Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM)** party members re-elect President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** to the post of chairperson and approve **Abdulrahman Kinana** to retain his post as vice chairperson for **Tanzania** mainland. **Zanzibar's** President **Hussein Ali Mwinyi** replaces former president **Ali Mohammed Shein** as chairperson of the islands;

7 Dec 2022 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Energy minister **January Makamba** and his **Zambian** counterpart **Peter Kapala**, Zambia's defence minister **Ambrose Lufuma** and permanent secretaries for the two ministries agree to boost security along the **Tanzania Zambia Mafuta (Tazama)** pipeline in preparation for transport of diesel along the pipeline;

7 Dec 2022 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Zanzibar National Chamber of Commerce (ZNCC)** chairperson **Ali Amour** and the **Oman Company** CEO **Hemant Murkoth** sign an agreement pledging the Oman Company's support to the ZNCC to improve its system in dealing with Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

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