



Message from
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This Special Report on Tanzania has been initiated by the Tanzania High Commission in London. It is therefore my privilege and pleasure to introduce the report to readers.

The United Republic of Tanzania will be going to the polls on the 31st October this year, for the General Elections that include Presidential, Parliamentary and Local Government leadership. His Excellency President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete will be asking voters to give him a mandate for another five years of his Fourth Phase Government. In view of his sustained popularity, he is expected to win without much difficulty. The Constitution provides for two five year terms and as such, after the second five year term in 2015, he will not stand for another term.

The objective of this report is to inform readers on Tanzania's socio-economic and political achievements during the past five years under the able leadership of HE President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete. Articles are focused on some of the key sectors to demonstrate what has been achieved, the challenges, opportunities and expectations.

Readers will note that the report provides a general overview of the economy as well as the delivery of social services and poverty reduction; the fight against graft, the consolidation of democracy and rule of law; as well as the international leadership. It is therefore by no means exhaustive.

For example, in the last five years the Government, in collaboration with its

East African Community (EAC) partners approved the Common Market Protocol which took effect on 1st of July 2010. This is an important milestone creating a powerful regional economic block with unlimited investment opportunities. The Protocol also paves the way towards the intended political federation constituted by the five EAC countries of Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania.

Moreover, the consolidation of the democratic process and good governance, which is one of the achievements lauded by major opinion makers, has not been very clearly established in the report. It is therefore only a report that records some of the achievements of the Fourth Phase Government but not all.

Nevertheless, the report provides a good overview of the performance during the first five years of the Fourth Phase Government with HE President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete at the helm.

The articles in the report not only help to introduce Tanzania to the world but also show the country's investment opportunities for those wishing to do business in Tanzania as well as the developmental needs for those wishing to support us in the delivery of much needed social services. It is also intended to show our investment and development partners what we have achieved with their assistance and what we can achieve by further working together. This is what prompted the London High Commission to initiate the publication of this report. **F**