

Deliberations of the Tabora Investment Forum 19th July 2013

Rappourteurs:

1. Dr Gerson Nyadzi, Team Leader & Science Coordinator, Millennium Villages Project
2. Philips Mtiba, Assistant Administrative Secretary, Tabora Region
3. Mr Augustino Mbulumi, Business Coordinator, MVP

Key Issues

1. Tabora region is home of interested investors with available investment opportunities in:

- i. Mining (Sikonge, Nzega, Igunga, Urambo and Tabora districts)
- ii. Agriculture
 - Paddy farming
 - Groundnuts farming
 - Sunflower production
 - Tropical fruits cultivation and processing
- iii. Natural forest hardwoods
 - Furniture manufacturing
 - Honey, wax & propolis processing

iv. Transportation

- Airways
- Railways
- Road networks

v. Marketing availability

- Large human population (western field/corridor)
- Neighboring countries: DRC, Rwanda, Burundi, Zambia, Uganda

vi. Tourism

- Ugalla Game Reserve
- Malagarasi-Moyovosi Game Sites

vii. Livestock sector – big livestock population

- Beef ranching
- Beef processing
- Dairy processing
- Hides & Skin processing

viii. Identified land for investors (land banks) in the region

e.g. Kisasiga – Nzega 1,250Ha and in other districts – processes are underway to complete legal land acquisition in the region

IX. Investment protocol is made simple and prompt to save time in processing investment requirements.

2. For improved legal marketing within East African Region, there is need to streamline the boarder protocols for effective and simple trade within the region.

3. Sources of investment opportunities for Tabora Region must be established and made available to all interested parties.

4. Further steps must be taken to look into possibilities of future investment in Ugalla Game Reserve and Kigosi National Park so as to increase chances of Tourism industry promotion in the region.

5. Possibilities of having an International Conference Centre in Tabora.

Thank you

Q & A Sessions

1. Question by **Hon Eng Athman Mfutakama** (MP) – Igalula Constituent
 - Asked whether EPZA can consider Igalula for EPZ investments due to its proximal to the central railway line and the road currently in construction from Tabora to Dar.

2. Question by **Dr Severine Kaombwe**,
Chairperson, TRL Board of Directors

- Highlighted plans to increase railways services. TRL transformation business plan has been finalized with a target of carrying 3 million metric tones per annum.
- There are discussions to upgrade railway line to carry goods at a speed of 120km/h

3. **Mr Georges Msungu** – Assistant RAS Kigoma Region and Executive Director for EPZ Kigoma

- Is the land in promotion surveyed?
- How is it easy to acquire land in Tabora?

Response from TIC Director

- Land need to be identified first before
- Not all has been surveyed
- TIC is working on that. TIC will start working with Tabora Region on this

4. **Mr A.M Matheka** – Nairobi based Investor

The future of honey industry lies within the EAF market

Argued authorities as much as possible to allow and facilitate free movement of goods and services.

To easen the payment system for genuine business should be facilitated.

5. Mr Michael Kitambi, Hilux Hotels in Morogoro

- Is there any plans to upgrade game reserves into national parks?
- It is possible to invest in hotels business in Ugalla game reserve?

- TLTC: how is it complied with environment conservation?

Response: Coal is more viable on commercial scale.