

**WELCOME REMARKS BY MR. LUDOVICK S.L. UTOUH, CONTROLLER
AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ANNUAL AUDITORS
CONFERENCE, WHITE SANDS HOTEL, DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA,
JUNE 20TH, 2011**

Hon. Mizengo K.P. Pinda(MP), Prime Minister of the United
Republic of Tanzania,

Hon . Members of Parliament Present,

H.E Ambassadors Present,

President of INTOSAI and Auditor General of South Africa,

Mr. Terence Nombembe

Auditors General from Lesotho, Malawi, Zambia, Ghana, India,
Botswana and Mozambique,

Madame Fatma Mohamed, Controller and Auditor General of
Zanzibar,

Government Officials present,

Representatives of Development Partners present,

Members of the Media,

Distinguished Guests and Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning **(Habari za Asubuhi)**

Honorable Prime Minister,

Allow me on behalf of all delegates to this Conference and on my own behalf to take this opportunity to welcome you to our conference and thank you for accepting our invitation to officiate the inauguration of our conference. We all know that our Parliament is now discussing the Government budget for the financial year 2011/2012 in Dodoma, therefore you as a leader of Government Business in Parliament were supposed to be there, but due to the importance you have placed on this gathering we are with you this morning. We really appreciate very much your support and encouragement and therefore profoundly thank you sincerely and wish you and your family good health and success in executing your Premiership duties and responsibilities.

Honorable Prime Minister,

Allow me also to welcome our counterparts from the Supreme Audit Institutions attending this Conference. On behalf of the management and staff of the National Audit Office of Tanzania, I wish to extend a very warm welcome to all delegates – our sisters and brothers from the African continent and beyond to our beautiful and peaceful country Tanzania and in Dar es salaam in particular. I hope that, for most of you, this is not your first time to visit us and that you will enjoy your stay with us. Once again I extend to you a very warm welcome

KARIBUNI SANA.

May I also warmly welcome all our distinguished guests, Members of Parliament, Ambassadors and Representatives of our Development Partners and resource persons who have traveled from various parts of the world to attend this important conference.

Honorable Prime Minister,

Allow me to introduce to you delegates attending this conference for which, I would request delegates to stand up as I mention their name, organization or country. I am pleased to introduce to you the President of International Organisation of the Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI), the President of the African Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (AFROSAI) and Auditor General of South Africa, Mr. Terence Nombembe. Mr. Nombembe was elected President of INTOSAI last year in Johannesburg to head the second largest international Institution in the world after the United Nations, the INTOSAI. Mr. Nombembe please stand up. Other delegates include the Auditor General of Zambia, Madame Anna Chifungula and her delegation, next is the Auditor General of Lesotho (the Kingdom in the Mountains) Madame Lucy Lifapha, next is Mr. Luis Herculano, Secretary General from the Court of Audit of Mozambique, next is the Deputy Auditor General of Ghana Mr. Richard Asieedu, next is the representative of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Madame Nedunchezhian

Chinnachammy and Madame Paulane Guibunda from Botswana.

Honorable Prime Minister,

Allow me to introduce in groups due to time limitations the other delegates for which I would like to start with H.E. Ambassadors and Representatives of our development Partners, next members of private Audit Firms present, Government officials and last but not list all staff of the National Audit Office of Tanzania.

Honorable Prime Minister,

The Supreme Audit Institution of Tanzania (The National Audit Office) each year organizes an Annual Auditors Conference for its auditors. From our experience this event has provided good opportunity for sharing experience and learning on new developments in the audit profession. On considering the importance of sharing knowledge and experience, we decided to extend the invitation in participation to our counterparts from other Supreme Audit Institutions as I have just introduced them to you.

Both our guests and our auditors have benefited a lot on sharing experiences on how to tackle various challenges facing our Institutions and the audit professional in general. Public Sector auditors are guided by auditing standards issued by the INTOSAI. As a result, challenges facing both Supreme Audit

Institutions and the public sector audit has no national borders that is why we have seen the importance of inviting our counterparts to exchange strategies and tactics on improving our efficiency and effectiveness in conducting of the public sector.

The theme for this year's conference is: **"The Value and Benefit of SAI in Enhancing Accountability and Economic Growth"**

There will be various presentations on sub themes to the main theme. At the end of the conference, we expect to come up with resolutions on what Supreme Audit Institutions should do in enhancing the accountability process in the operations of our governments and hence contribute to further economic growth of our respective country economies.

Honorable Prime Minister,

Supreme Audit Institutions across the world are facing various challenges, among them are their independence which encompasses financial as well as administrative independence. On this aspect, the Supreme Audit Institution of Tanzania is doing fairly well through the enactment of the Public Audit Act No.11 of 2008 but there are some aspects which are not scoring well in as far as the requirements of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) and AFROSAI-E to which we are members are concerned. Major issues of independence in our case is on human resource aspect whereby employees of the National

Audit Office are still civil servants, and the Office is still part of the Executive which is against good practice.

Other challenges facing Supreme Audit Institutions is the inadequate resources needed to accomplish their goals and objectives. An effective SAI contributes highly to the economic growth of any given country through enhanced transparency and accountability on the part of the Executive in the utilization of public resources.

On the other side, as members of the INTOSAI we should constantly ask ourselves as to whether we are meeting our stakeholder's expectations. That is why the theme of this year's conference is addressing these questions in order to assess ourselves on the aspects of the values and benefits brought by us in enhancing transparency, accountability and economic growth.

Honorable Prime Minister,

Once again on behalf of all delegates present and on my own behalf we thank you very much for accepting our invitation to come and officiate the opening of this conference. I thank you very much and wish you all the best in your discussions of the 2011/2012 Government Budget in Dodoma. With these few introductory remarks, it is now my pleasure to welcome the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Mizengo

Kayanza Pinda (MP), to officially open our conference. Hon. Prime Minister you are welcome to address us.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION