

CSO COMMENTARY ON ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF MKUKUTA 11 REPORTS (MAIR) BY MOSES KULABA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AGENDA PARTICIPATION 2000 (AP2000)

Dear Guest of Honour and Dialogue Participants,

Today we hold this review and dialogue at a time when the Country is facing serious challenges.

- The Economy is Shaky and wobbling like never before
- The cost of living is record high than ever before
- The cost of power which is a major backbone of economic production and social development is higher than ever recorded
- High fuel prices and skyrocketing inflation rates
- Our people also, said to be ironically still happy, they are the most stressed in the region

Guest of honour, this provides us an opportunity to seriously think, reflect, self critic and make a determination to move forward

Today MKUKUTA Report, MAIR, reports significant progress in

- Agriculture
- Education
- Infrastructure
- Governance
- Budget Resource Envelope and allocations to MKUKUTA implementation

Congratulations, however the facts on the ground depict a serious deficit. In an elaborate publication titled “ **Citizens Charter on Tanzania we want: Our Nation, Our leadership and Promises** or in Kiswahili: *Tamko la Wananchi: Nchi Yetu, Uongozi wetu na Ahadi*, in which we clearly analyse key sectors and key promises, outlining their performance, presenting **what we expect to see, want to see and Love to see.**

Last year we committed our support to government to work in implementation of MKUKUTA. That is on record and we stand by it. After reading through MAIR , today, we add one CAVEAT. If down the road, we see that we are moving off track, we will have no option to disengage and go back to the Citizens and report back that what we agreed has not been implemented.

We are concerned

- Inflation rate is at 20% at least 15% points above 5% MKUKUTA target and thus increasing the finance gap
- The economic growth estimated at 4-5% is jobless
- The Five Year Development Plan appears to be the new darling, creating internal conflicts between implementing arms of government and departments (MKUKUTA Secretariat Vs President's Office , Planning Commission)
- The quality of education and learning has continued to decline
- Quality of health service delivery is struggling
- Level of food insecurity has increased
- The governance structures and temples of Justice are struggling-reference is made to backlog of election cases and an outcry from the courts for lack of funds to handle them
- The public perception about corruption is not good

Guest of Honour, seated in this August hall there are good people and bad people.

There are people who will stand up and say."Oh everything is fine, on track and we have no reason to worry". These in our view are bad people. Ignore them or denounce them with the dishonor they deserve because they don't help us to be creative, resilient, determined and focused on getting outcomes.

There are people who will stand in this temple of discussion and say, our country has a problem, let us do something. These are good people-support them.

Let us together rally our people together and say our state of the nation is at cross roads: Our people are getting more vulnerable, our education is in a crisis, our health sector is in a crisis our governance structures and institutions of democracy are performing poorly and some being ranked as the most corrupt, our macroeconomic fundamentals are shaking, we need to seriously take action and move away from hypocrisy and public diplomacy

- Cut capital flight and unnecessary tax incentives and exemptions
- Introduce taxes to those who deserve but don't pay e.g. Honourable MPs
- Encourage internal trade
- Be focused and take those eat public money allocated for MKUKUTA to account

To this extent, we pledge our support