

**WELCOMING REMARKS BY MR. RAMADHANI M. KHIJJAH, PERMANENT
SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FINANCE AT THE LAUNCH OF THE 3RD
ANNUAL NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE
26TH JANUARY 2012 AT UBUNGO PLAZA BLUE PEARL HOTEL,
DAR ES SALAAM**

**Honorable Prime Minister,
Honorable Ministers,
Honorable Regional Commissioners,
Honorable Members of Parliament,
Permanent Secretaries,
Regional Administrative Secretaries,
Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners,
Excellencies Resident Representatives,
Representatives of the Civil Society and the Private Sector,
Members of the Media,
Invited Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen.**

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to welcome you all to this year's Annual National Policy Dialogue.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, The Annual National Policy Dialogue is the most important event of the year that provides opportunity for the Government of Tanzania, Members of Parliament, Development Partners and Non State Actors to engage on policy issues, national budget, public expenditure issues, and to reflect on the performance of the implementation of the MKUKUTA , as well as on General Budget Support Annual Review outcome.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, As you will note from the program in front of you the event will cover two days. During the first day, the discussions will focus on MKUKUTA II, Five Year Development Plan and reporting of the 2011 GBS Annual Review outcome. While in the second day, the discussions will focus on Poverty and Human Development Report, Joint Assistance Strategy for Tanzania implementation and Macroeconomic Performance.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PER Main Working Group, Cluster Working Groups and the Secretariat for the hard work that they have done in the preparation and facilitation of this event.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, I would now like to invite the representative from the Civil Society to give a Statement. He/She will be followed by the Private Sector representative, DPG Chair and lastly the Honourable Minister for Finance who will officially invite the guest of honour to officiate the opening of the 3rd Annual National Policy dialogue event.

I thank you for your kind attention.