

TANZANIA STARTS PREPARATIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF THE GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs).

Tanzanian Government through the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has conducted the stakeholders' meeting on implementation and monitoring of the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Chief Secretary, Ambassador Ombeni Sefue when officiating the above mentioned meeting said that Tanzania has a great chance of achieving the targets of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by year 2030.



Chief Secretary Ambassador Ombeni Sefue addressing the stakeholders' meeting on implementation and monitoring of the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) held on 8th October, 2015 in Dar es Salaam.

"Today we are here together to discuss and agree on how we can achieve a new initiative on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) after the completion of the

implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that our country significantly have done well in

some targets and did not in others," He said.

He further explained that, if a country has good quality data, it is possible to establish demand and supply for health facilities in the country, to establish a number of those suffering from hunger and chronic diseases and those without access to education can be identified and reached.

The Chief Secretary added that, the execution of the new programs of SDGs need to have statistics which will help to point out the position of the country in

performing the implementation of such goals. That's why the Government is putting more efforts to improve and empower the National Bureau of Statistics to continue providing quality official statistics.

On her party, the Country Director of World Bank, Ms. Bella Bird, congratulated Tanzania for the quick action taken on implementation and monitoring of the Global Sustainable Development Goals, saying that, it is a good sign of showing how this program is important to the country.



The Country director of World Bank Ms. Bella Bird speaking during the stakeholders' meeting on implementation and monitoring of the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) held on 8th October, 2015 in Dar es Salaam.

She said that, the successful implementation of Sustainable Development Goals will help to improve the lives of Tanzanians because the 17 goals which are in the program, focus on improving the lives of people.



Some stakeholders from Government, Private Sectors, NGOs, Civil Society, Development Partners and Faith Based Organizations who attended the meeting on implementation and monitoring of the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) held on 8th October, 2015 in Dar es Salaam.

Several issues, in form of questions and suggestions, were raised in the course of the meeting. These are reflected by the following resolutions;

- i. Stakeholders' involvement in finalization and adaptation of the SDG indicators was important

- ii. Formulation of committees at different levels to oversee the implementation and monitoring of the SDGs in Tanzania is needed
- iii. Work closely with LGAs and non-state actors to tap on the administrative data produced routinely
- iv. Work closely with LGAs on how to use data for policy and decision making
- v. Devise mechanisms that will enable each MDA to produce quality official statistics under minimal but close coordination of the NBS
- vi. Baseline surveys need to be conducted for those SDG targets for which baseline data is not existing or outdated
- vii. The cultural context should not be ignored when monitoring the SDGs.
- viii. A standard data collection framework is needed.

In September, 2015 leaders of various countries including the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Hon. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, met in United States of America to evaluate the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which ends this year.

In that meeting, they endorsed an alternative program called Sustainable Development Goals consisting of 17 goals and 169 indicators whose implementation period ends in 2030.