

**STATEMENT BY MR. RAMADHANI M.KHIJJAH,
PERMANENT SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE
LOAN AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND THE WORLD BANK, HELD
IN DODOMA ON 11th JUNE, 2010 AT SUB-TREASURY
CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Mr. John Murray McIntire,
World Bank Country Director for Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi,
Distinguished Guests,
Members of the Press,
Ladies and Gentlemen:**

Mr. Country Director, please allow me, on behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to express my gratitude for this opportunity of signing with you today, three Loan Agreements, ***Secondary Education Development Program II Adaptable Program Loan Project 1 (APL 1 Project), Transport Sector Support Project and Tanzania Strategic Cities Project*** through which the International Development Association (IDA) will extend to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania financial assistance amounting to **US\$ 583 million (Tshs. 816,200 million)**. In addition the International Development Association has agreed to extend

additional financing for TASAF II and for ASDP each amounting to **US\$ 35.2 million (Tshs. 49,280 million)**. This makes a grand total of **US\$ 653 million (Tshs. 914,200 million)**.

Indeed, the Government appreciates the World Bank's support which has come at a time when the Government is in critical need of such assistance.

This event, once again, demonstrates the important role that the World Bank plays in the social and economic development in Tanzania.

I wish to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Government and the people of Tanzania, to express our gratitude for the continued support provided by the World Bank for social and economic development in Tanzania.

**(i). SECONDARY EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM II
(ADAPTABLE PROGRAM LOAN 1 PROJECT) APL 1 PROJECT**

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Secondary Education Development Program II APL 1 Project constitutes the first phase of the second phase of Secondary Education Development Program (SEDP II), in which the World Bank will provide financial support of about US\$ 400 million (Tshs. 560,000 million) to SEDP II through an overlapping three phase of 10-years APL projects. APL 1 project will be implemented from 2010-2015, APL 2 project from 2013-2017, and APL 3 project from 2016-2020.

In the APL 1 project, World Bank will extend to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania financial assistance amounting to US\$ 150 million (Tshs. 210,000 million).

The primary objective of APL 1 Project is to support the Government's efforts to improve the quality of secondary education with focus on underserved areas.

The APL 1 Project consists of four components which include:

Component 1. Upgrading existing schools infrastructure,

Component 2. Improving the equitable provision of teachers and quality of teaching in mathematics, sciences, and languages,

Component 3. Ensure adequate financing to schools and improving utilization of resources, and

Component 4. Capacity building and technical assistance to implement current reforms.

(ii). TRANSPORT SECTOR SUPPORT PROJECT (TSSP)

Ladies and Gentlemen, through the TSSP, the World Bank will extend to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania financial assistance amounting to US\$ 270 million (Tshs. 378,000 million).

The primary objectives of the Loan for the Transport Sector Support Project are to improve the condition of the national paved road network, to lower transport cost on selected roads, and to expand the capacity of selected regional airports.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the TSSP consists of five parts:

Part A: Rehabilitation and Preparation of Designs for Rehabilitation of Paved trunk Roads.

This will involve rehabilitation and provision of supervision services for the improvement of the Korogwe-Same and Arusha – Minjingu roads (approximately 270 kilometers), and preparation of design and bidding documents for future rehabilitation of national paved road network of about 911 kilometers.

Part B: Improvement of Regional Airports.

This will involve paving and rehabilitation of runway at Kigoma airport, the rehabilitation of the main runway at Tabora airport, as well as the extension, rehabilitation and paving of the runway and the replacement of the apron, terminal and car parking at Bukoba.

Part C: Improvement of Roads Safety Management.

This will involve establishing: (i) a National Road Safety Agency (NRSA); (ii) a Driver and Vehicle Examination and Licensing Agency (DVELA); and (iii) a Road Accident Information system (RAIS).

Part D: Promotion of Public Private Partnership [PPPs].

This will involve promotion of public private partnership through: (i) capacity building for implementation of PPP projects, (ii) feasibility studies of potential PPP projects, and (iii) provision of transaction advisors for projects found feasible.

Part E: Emergency Roads and Bridges.

This will involve repair of parts of national roads and bridges damaged by recent flood at approximately one hundred locations throughout the country.

(iii). TANZANIA STRATEGIC CITIES PROJECT (TSCP)

Ladies and Gentlemen, through TSCP, the World Bank will extend to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania financial assistance amounting to US\$ 163 million (Tshs. 228,200 million). The project will target the following seven urban centers (selected on the basis of several criteria including economic contribution, service coverage, urban

population growth and strategic location): Mwanza, Arusha, Mbeya, Mtwara, Kigoma, Tanga and Dodoma.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the main Objective of TSCP is to improve the quality of and access to basic urban services in participating LGAs. This would be achieved through the rehabilitation and expansion of urban infrastructure and institutional strengthening activities aimed at improving the fiscal and management capacities of the participating LGAs.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the TSCP comprises three components. **Component 1** will improve core urban infrastructure and services in the participating LGAs. To ensure sustainability of investment and lay foundation for continued improvement of services, **Component 2** will support institutional strengthening and capacity building activities, with objective of increasing financial resources at the disposal of the participating LGAs and their technical capacity to plan and implement their own infrastructure projects. **Component 3** will finance implementation support, the preparation of future urban projects and additional technical assistance to the urban sector.

(iv). ADDITIONAL FINANCING

The purpose of the additional financing is to assist the government through TASAF and ASDP to achieve the original objectives of these two programs.

Mr. Country Director, the preparation of these Loans has involved many people and long hours of hard work to discuss and negotiate various aspects and provision of the Financing Agreements that we have just signed.

On behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, allow me to thank you personally for your efforts in ensuring that the process was concluded in time. I would also want to thank all other people who were involved in the process who worked so hard in order to make it possible for these agreements to be signed today. I would urge you to sustain that spirit. The Government is committed to ensure that the development objectives of these programs and projects are attained.

Thank you all once again for your kind attention.