



Civil society and the Aprm process in Tanzania

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President of Tanzania, Dr Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete with APRM Country Review Mission



PRESIDENT KIKWETE...

“Tanzania acceded to the APRM because we are in total agreement with its objective of promoting good governance in African nations. The APRM process has been a useful tool in building the capacity on monitoring governance, developing partnerships and enhancing advocacy for efficiency, effectiveness and transparency in leadership”.

President Kikwete...

“I am proud of the APRM process and I am also proud to be part of showcasing Africa’s innovative thinking with regard in promoting in the whole concept of good governance”.

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TCIB VISION AND MISSION

- ❑ Tanzania Citizens' Information Bureau (TCIB) envisions a society where citizens are able to freely access information from any public offices they wish to have such information.
- ❑ TCIB's overall mission is to advance the education and participation of citizens in the promotion, protection and consolidation of democratic principles through access to appropriate and independently researched information about political, economic and social policies and issues. TCIB is dedicated to educating, researching and providing information on citizenry to all Tanzanians in general as well as Women and young people in particular.

MISSION

TCIB Approach

We work with traditionally marginalized groups such as people in disability, PLHAs and the poorest in Tanzania's urban and rural localities. For TCIB, Processes are as important as content hence Participation is vital to ant development process.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

In line with her Vision and Mission, TCIB works in and promotes networks for social Change in East Africa, Africa and the global South. In the past, TCIB has hosted Coalitions of organizations promoting and implementing Parliamentary-Citizen encounters through public Dialogues towards the 2010 General Elections. This initiative proved to be a very good and cost effective Civic Education undertaking and TCIB is planning to roll-out a similar programme country-wide.

Public oversight and surveys

Also, the organization was the lead institution in the Parliament Watch Panel that assessed effectiveness and performance of the previous Parliament and produced a Watchdog report of the performance of the 9th Parliament of Tanzania (2005 - 2010) under the auspices of the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC). Furthermore, TCIB did in 2010 an opinion Poll survey on presidential candidates' acceptability in Tanzania and released a report that has come to be so popular and in sharp contrast with the findings of similar surveys in the country for having come closest to the final end result of the elections in 2010.

APRM IN TANZANIA

- Since 26 May 2004 (acceded the APRM)
- MOU signed and ratified by POT – 1 February 2005
- The APRM Country Review Mission (CRM) to Tanzania was undertaken in 2012
- Thereafter, the Country Review Report was drafted and finalized by the Report Writing Committee
- The Mission, which was led by Barrister Akere Tabeng Muna, member of the APR Panel of Eminent Persons, comprised 21 prominent African experts
- NPOA was developed and presented to GOT

The Four thematic areas covered by the APRM

- Democracy and Political Governance
- Economic Governance and Management
- Corporate Governance and
- Socio-Economic Development

INTERVENTIONS SO FAR

- **Providing Civil Society Conceptual capacity Leadership**
- Research and orientation
- Analysis and NGO/CSO self reflections
- Advocacy and engagement around promoting access to information
- Coalition leadership on: APRM, UPR, OGP and FOI

ACHIEVEMENTS..

- ☐ Engagement with official APRM Processes in country, regionally**
- ☐ Databasing on CSO work around promoting transparency and accountability in Tz**
- ☐ Media based analyzes of issues emerging from the APRM official processes**
- ☐ Pushing for the implementation of APRM proposals ie. Constitutional reform suggested in 2010**

Key questions...

- One APRM Journalist ?
- Tanzania as one of the fastest growing economies ...but ?
- APRM losing steam in Tanzania?
- APRM – A Right or wrong approach ?

- Popolarizing the APRM through Media
- Debating Clubs?
- Essay competition?
- Governance and accountability reporting?



Progress at country level

- ❑ Remarkable progress has been made in terms of governance in Tanzania, as highlighted in the Country Self-Assessment Report (CSAR), which cited, in this regard, the prevailing peace, the regular conduct of elections, and the peaceful succession of power since 1985.

Thanks for listening !

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