

**WELCOMING SPEECH BY HON. MATHIAS M
CHIKAWA (M.P), MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL
AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE AT THE OPENING
CEREMONY OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE
ENHANCING PUBLIC SERVICE LEADERSHIP IN
THE GLOBALIZATION ERA PROGRAMME (EPSL)
HELD AT ZANZIBAR BEACH RESORT FROM 25TH
MAY TO 5TH JUNE, 2009**

- ◆ *Honourable, Shamsi Vuai Nahodha, Chief Minister of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar*
- ◆ *Ministers and members of Parliament here present;*
- ◆ *Representatives from Donor Countries here present;*
- ◆ *Heads of Ministries and Departments;*
- ◆ *Settlers and Trustees of the Chief Executive Officers Scholarship Fund Trust*
- ◆ *Representatives from Touchstone Discussion project*
- ◆ *Distinguished seminar participants; Ladies and Gentlemen Salaam aleikum!*

I am both humbled and privileged to welcome you honourable Chief Minister, of the Revolutionary

Government of Zanzibar, to officiate at this opening ceremony of the second of **The Enhancing Public Service Leadership in the Globalization Era (EPSL) Programme** here in Zanzibar. We are honoured with your presence and are thankful that you have managed to find time despite the short notice and your busy schedule. We say ‘Mheshimiwa Asante sana na Karibu Sana’

Honourable Chief Minister, This Enhancing Public Service Leadership in the Globalization Era (EPSL) Programme is the result and an example of the developing and strengthening good relationship between the private business sector in Tanzania and the Government. It is also illustrative of the benefits from a stable political environment and a maturing democracy where the passing on of the leadership baton is peaceful and continuity in policy and direction is common phenomena. The launching of this first session of the EPSL Programme is again an obvious indication of how receptive the Government is to the ideas and the efforts from the private sector and

development partners geared towards creating a better business climate in the country.

Honourable Chief Minister, The EPSL Programme is an initiative whose origin is the Chief Executive Officers Round Table and was able to get off the drawing board through the support of the World Bank and the Government and now with consulting partnership of Touchstone Discussion Project (TDP).

As the private sector has been highly receptive to Government initiatives such as the establishment of the Tanzania National Business Council so is the government equally receptive to private sector initiatives as evidenced by the establishment of the EPSL programme.

Honourable Chief Minister, there will be two sessions of the EPSL programme running back to back for two weeks. About 40 Public servants at top leadership levels of Ministries, Independent Departments, Executive Agencies and other central institutions are

to participate in the two sessions of the programme. The participants were carefully selected to include those whose actions in their respective designations have the most direct impact to private business - public sector relationships.

It is important that I mention to you that the government officials who have been invited to this session have responded positively and have managed to be present here today or have confirmed to be present in the next session.

Honourable Chief Minister, as Professor Howard Zeiderman of Touchstone Discussion Project hints in session notes provided, public officials participating in this program will be coaxed to embark on exploratory journeys to discover more about self, increase their understanding and appreciation of their environment, and their roles and responsibilities in shaping that environment for the common good. It is our hope that these leaders will become better champions of change and they will be equipped to discharge their duties in a

manner that influences and achieves improved private business sector and public sector relationships.

Honourable Chief Minister, I once again thank you so much for accepting our invitation and for being with us today. I now have the singular honour and pleasure to welcome you honourable Chief Minister to address us and formally open this the first session of EPSL Programme.

Karibu sana Mheshimiwa Waziri Kiongozi.