

Press Release

IGP Saidi Mwema and PS George Yambesi Awarded Public Sector Partner of the Year 2009 by the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania

Dar es Salaam 5th December 2009: The CEO Roundtable of Tanzania will hold its maiden annual and awards gala dinner this evening at the Kilimanjaro Kempinski Hotel in Dar es Salaam.

High on the agenda of the evening program will be the recognition by the captains of industry of the public sector leaders who will be cited for their exemplary leadership in facilitating the emergence of a vibrant public private partnership in Tanzania.

Formed in 2000 by CEOs of leading companies to engage in economic policy analysis and dialogue with the Government at the highest levels of leadership, the CEO Roundtable comprises the top leadership of all the major commercial enterprises in Tanzania. The combined contribution of the member companies is well over 40% of all taxes collected in the country and they employ well over 70,000 Tanzanian men and women.

Speaking on the eve of the event, the Chairman of the CEO Roundtable Mr. Ali Mufuruki said that the group has met several times in dialogue sessions about the economy with former President Benjamin Mkapa and His Excellency President Jakaya M. Kikwete and the sessions have led to the conception of concrete and exciting PPP initiatives, the success of which is going to be the subject of celebration at tonight's gala dinner.

"We will be honouring the chief of police, Inspector General Saidi Mwema for inviting us to play an advisory role in the implementation of the police force reforms. This collaboration has led to the identification of avenues of closer collaboration between us

and the police force, one of them being the funding by our group of an Anti-Cyber Crime training programme for our law enforcement officers in May this year.” He said.

“We will also be honouring Permanent Secretary George Yambesi from the President’s Office, Public Service management for his effective and successful leadership of the CEO Roundtable funded EPSL Project. The EPSL is the first project of the CEO Scholarship Fund, a joint venture between the Government, the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania and the World Bank.” He added

The gala dinner, an invitations only black tie event, will be attended by some 250 guests from the public and private sectors, the diplomatic corps, academia and the NGO world.

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