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Press Statement

CEO Roundtable of Tanzania Supports Police Fight Against Cyber-Crime

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Today, we have the pleasure to announce the launch of a special training programme designed to help Tanzanian law enforcement agents in their daily fight against the ever growing menace of computer-based crime.

This event marks yet another proud milestone in our country's efforts to engender a culture of public-private partnerships that deliver a social good and support our national development effort.

A little less than a year ago, the Inspector General of Police Saidi Mwema was a guest speaker at one of the CEO Roundtable monthly dinners and he used the opportunity to lay out his vision of a reformed and modern police force that is able to fulfil its mandate in a world that is constantly being transformed by technology, globalisation and many other social forces. He also extended a hand of cooperation to the private sector who he correctly described as critical partners in the fight against crime in our country.

The CEO Roundtable offered to contribute to the reform programme currently underway at the Police Headquarters by supporting a number of small but important sub-projects within the larger reform package. Specifically, the CEO Roundtable nominated five of its members to sit on the IGP's reform panel that has been meeting regularly to review the progress of the reforms and help improve the effectiveness of the our law and order systems.

Tackling cyber-crimes was identified by this task force as one of the priority areas for intervention and the CEO Roundtable responded by providing funding and other strategic planning resources that have made today's event possible.

The course is designed as an introduction to cyber crime and computer forensics. It has been designed to be especially useful both for first responders and investigators. It provides detailed bag-and-tag information, an introduction to the basic concepts of cyber crime and computer forensics, and lays ground work for more advanced concepts.

The course will examine the evolution of criminal law relative to the development of new technology .The course will also explore the legal issues affected by on-line criminal conduct and electronic evidence. Given the rapid changes in technology, and the corresponding changes in crime and the law, the course will include discussions of current events and trends in cybercrime globally.

On the completion of the course the student will be familiar with the basics concepts of cyber crime and computer forensics. Furthermore, they will be able to perform a search and seizure that results in evidence that is admissible in a court of law.

“I am very pleased to see that the police force as an institution can work with members of the private sector on issues of common concern and come up with such an impressive result as the training programme we are launching today. I am confident that my officers will learn some important aspects of this subject and their effectiveness in curbing the crime will be enhanced.” Said, IGP Said Mwema. ***“We thank the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania for their leadership and support”***, he added.

Commenting on the launch, the Chairman of the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania Mr. Ali A. Mufuruki said that working with the IGP and his senior officers was particularly enjoyable and educative. ***“We now appreciate more than ever before the tough conditions under which our police officers have to work every day and are honoured to be given an opportunity to be of service to the country in which we do business and enjoy protection from the police on a daily basis”***, he said.

“We would like to see the IGP succeed in realising his vision and therefore will continue to support his and the government’s work in this regard”, he added.

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