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Government urges public-private sector collaboration to curb poverty

ZANZIBAR, SUNDAY AUGUST 24TH, 2008. The Chief Secretary of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, Ramadhan Mwinyi Muombwa, today called for a strong collaboration between the public and private sectors in the ongoing fight against poverty and other economic challenges facing Tanzania.

Muombwa made the appeal in Zanzibar while closing a six-days seminar on leadership attended by senior officials from the Union and the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar as well as representatives from the private sector. The seminar is the first in a two-year series of seminars to be delivered by the Enhancing Public Service Leadership in the Globalized Era (EPSL) program targeting leaders from the government and the private sector.

“...it is clear to me as it should be clear to you that it is only through increased collaboration and partnership between the private and public sectors that we are going to succeed in our endeavour to free our people from the trap of abject poverty,” the chief secretary told the participants.

Underscoring the two government’s readiness to support and strengthen ties with the private sector, Muombwa said Tanzania’s competitiveness will not be forged by the government or the private sector in isolation but by the leaders of the two sectors working together to find “effective ways of collaborating and sharing ideas on how to lead our people between and more effectively.”

Assuring the government of a reciprocal collaboration by the private sector, the Co-chairman of the CEO Scholarship Fund Trust, Ali Mufuruki, said the private views the EPSL program as a welcome initiative to the common goal of establishing better understanding and relations between the two sectors.

The EPSL Programme is a three-year initiative that is jointly funded by the Government of Tanzania, development partners and the CEO Roundtable – a forum consisting of 40 members mainly chief executive officers from leading private sector companies operating in Tanzania. The programme aims to provide an innovative training curriculum for selected members of the civil service and private sector within Tanzania, with the goal of

developing flexible leaders well prepared to succeed in the changing global business environment.

According to Mufuruki, two EPSL seminars sessions have been held back to back in Zanzibar in the past two weeks attracting a total of 40 participants. He said a similar number of participants to be drawn from the government and the private sector will attend the second sessions of the EPSL programme seminars to be held before end of the year.

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