

The effectiveness of the Public Private Dialogues (PPDs) at Sub-national through TPSF Structures



The Hon Issa Machibya the Kigoma Regional Commissioner (RC) giving his opening note during the Regional Business Council (RBC) meeting held on 5th of June 2015 in Kigoma. In his left is Mr Simbeye the TPSF Chief

Speaking on the Private Sector concerns nationwide under TNBC, Mr Simbeye emphasized on the effectiveness of the Public Private Dialogues (PPDs) through the national structures. He further mentioned challenges facing the business councils in the country at large being, un coordination of the Private Sector business associations, financing of the business council meetings, implementation of the recommendations deliberated from these councils and lastly low commitment by both partners the Government and the Private Sector. He went on saying, currently there is no clear link with the National Business Council thus it is almost impossible to get issues from the Regional Business Councils that should be included in the Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) Agenda. He mentioned TPSF to start with will be working with the Local Investment Climate Project (LIC) in Kigoma and Dodoma to fulfill its mandate as the umbrella body of the Private Sector in Tanzania by working closely with its members and the business community at large to ensure the Private Sector is well coordinated from the local level for effective PPDs. *"We need to strengthen and unify the common voice of the Private Sector for improved business environment"*. The meeting was attended by guests from the public and private Sector. All the district leaders from Kigoma Region were present as well as the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), TNBC secretariat, Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS) and the Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) from the private sector TPSF, TCCIA from all districts and their chairs and other members from the Kigoma business community. As a way forward TPSF sees that in order to improve the investment climate there is a need for TPSF to coordinate the Private Sector at the local level by conducting stakeholders meetings or competitiveness forums as highlighted in the work plans. Private Sector Organisations (PSOs) at the local level needs to be capacitated in identifying advocacy issues and how to advocate through dialogues. Together with all the stakeholders to come up with a sustainable ways to finance the business councils one of them being holding regional investment forums.

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