

TANZANIA POSTS PARTICIPATES SADC MEETING.



Head of Communication and International Postal Affairs of Tanzania Posts Corporation, Mr. Elia Madules participates in SADC meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Tanzania Posts Corporation attended the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Council of Ministers meeting which was held in Harare, Zimbabwe on 1st June, 2016, and the guest of honour was the Director General of Universal Postal Union (UPU), Mr. Bishar A. Hussein.

Mr. Bishar said, the UPU attaches great importance to the development of Posts in Africa and acknowledge the active role played by members of the SADC region in the activities of the union. He said sub-region and organizations that address postal issues, Southern Africa Operators Association (SAPOA), and Communications Regulators' Association of Southern Africa (CRASA), have been working very closely with the union to address the development of the sector in this region.

He pointed out that the UPU has been involved in a number of key development projects in the SADC region during 2013-2016 cycle. Including national and strategic regional projects. For the national projects UPU has worked closely with a number of countries in the region, mainly on the Multiyear Integrated Project (MIP), Integrated Postal Reform and Development Projects (IPDP), Quality of service, as well as Postcode and Addressing System.

Mr. Bishar said that, apart from these projects that have benefited members directly at national levels, the UPU has also been involved in the facilitation of a number of projects of strategic regional importance to SADC countries. Such projects include training and capacity building workshops in variety areas of postal development.

He said in four months time the UPU will be hosting its supreme decision-making Congress in Istanbul, Turkey, and urged Ministers from SADC region to give priority to Congress and, as much as possible, be in attendance. The key decisions expected at Congress are to do with the roadmap to the future of the Post. This will be guided by the already agreed priorities of e-commerce, financial services and Postal reforms. These priorities were agreed upon by all regions of the UPU membership, including Africa during last year's strategy forum.

Mr. Bishar added by saying that, the Congress will also approve the 2017-2020 cycles' business plan and the structure that will deliver all projects. This will also include approval of the budget for the next cycle.

Furthermore, in Istanbul members are expected to approve the UPU's guiding vision that focuses on innovation, integration and inclusion. This vision direction was developed jointly between the International Bureau and member countries, and endorsed last year during the World Postal Strategy Conference in Geneva.