



## Quarterly Newsletter January – March, 2019

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### REPOA scoops top research credentials in Sub-Saharan Africa



REPOA has for the fifth consecutive time been ranked the top most research institution in Tanzania, following the Global Go To Think Tanks Index Report of 2018 that have been released by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania of the United States.

The results have revealed that REPOA is ranked at number 11 in Sub-Saharan Africa out of more than 635 Think Tanks that had participated in the exercise. Last year, REPOA was ranked at 12.

Speaking during the event, the Executive

Director Dr. Donald Mmari said that REPOA generates evidence based-policy frameworks that enable the government to plan effectively and design interventions that accelerate economic growth and socio-economic transformation for inclusive development.

This year's Go To Think Tank Index Launch marked the tenth annual event organized by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) to acknowledge the important contributions of think tanks worldwide. This year's theme was Why Think Tanks and Facts Matter for Programs was commemorated at REPOA and drew participants from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), academia, research institutions, Civil Society Organizations, representatives from the government and the development partners. The 2017 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report, listed 7,815 think tanks around the world, of 7,815 which, equivalent to 8.5% are based in Sub-Sahara Africa i.e., 665 think tanks. In 2017, REPOA was ranked as the top Think Tank in Tanzania and 12<sup>th</sup> in Sub-Saharan Africa. More information about the rankings for this year can be accessed at [https://repository.upenn.edu/think\\_tanks/16/](https://repository.upenn.edu/think_tanks/16/)

### Preparations for the 24<sup>th</sup> ARW in progress



REPOA will once again hold a global dialogue event which attracts leading scholars, researchers, policy makers, private sector, investors, local and international media. This is the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Workshop having the theme, "Local Economic Development: Unpacking potentials for transformation of Tanzania". The objective of this year's theme is to provoke and promote policy dialogue and research on practical realities of local economic development in accelerating economic transformation towards an industrial-driven and competitive economy aspired in the National Vision 2025.

The Keynote Speaker is Prof. Peter Knorringa, a renowned professor of Private Sector and Development and member of the Civic Innovation Research Initiative

(CIRI) at the International Institute of Social Studies (Erasmus University Rotterdam). Prof. Knorringa has published more than 25 articles, written 38 book chapters and produced 22 reports. Many of his published works and activities can be viewed at <https://www.eur.nl/people/peter-knorringa>

So far, REPOA advertised the concept for call of abstracts and posters. Respondents have submitted them and successful researchers have been contacted to submit full papers. The forum attracts more than 350 participants from across the world. For more information, kindly visit us at <http://www.repoa.or.tz/repoaTz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Concept-note-Final.pdf>

## Swedish Ambassador nods on Women empowerment



Swedish Ambassador to Tanzania, H.E. Anders Sjöberg, has commended on the efforts to empower women through the use of cash transfers. The project on cash transfer which was implemented by TASAF in collaboration with REPOA had its findings unveiled in Dodoma recently.

Speaking at the dissemination of the findings on the Impact of Cash Transfers on Women's Empowerment in Tanzania, H.E Sjöberg said that puts priority on promoting women empowerment through 3Rs (Representation, Resources and Rights). He said that women empowerment would accelerate economic development and promote confidence among women in Tanzania. He called for the reliance on

fake news", says H.E, Swedish Ambassador to Tanzania", said the Ambassador.

Speaking at the launch of the event Dr. Mary Mwanjelwa, Deputy Minister in the President's Office responsible for Good Governance said that gender equity is a cornerstone of the Government's long-term development strategy. She said that the government, through TASAF has long been supporting women to improve their conditions and enable them to be proactive in engaging into economic activities. This, she said, has uplifted many women who have gained confidence to be proactive in decision making starting from household level.

## TTI Documents REPOA activities

TTI have contracted ReWild Africa, a company based in South Africa to produce a documentary of the contribution of its grantees. ReWild will be at REPOA on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> of March. They will set up a studio in the Board room, which they have requested to be kept in a quiet environment during filming. While they will be interviewing few individuals, they will also take pictures of staff at work randomly.

Watch the full documentary at <https://bit.ly/2ZIHpBO> [bit.ly/2ZIHpBO](https://bit.ly/2ZIHpBO)



## Media gurus stress need for formal and reliable markets for locally produced goods

In preparations for the upcoming 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Workshop, REPOA organised a day workshop with Media Managers and Chief Editors to get their understanding of this year's theme – the Local Economic Development.