

Why Facts & Think Tanks Matter

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Hundreds of think tank and other civil society actors around the world are joining for a unique global, annual event to discuss the contribution of Think Tanks, and REPOA is once again taking part. The event is part of the Think Tank and Civil Societies Programme (TTCSP) implemented by the University of Pennsylvania. This theme for this year's event is "Why Facts and Think Tanks Matter".

The programme involves a global survey of activities and policy influence of over 7,000 Think Tanks around the world, international conferences and policy dialogue. This year's event will be organized by Think Tanks in 150 cities for two days starting 31st January 2019.

The objective of the event is to highlight the important role think tanks play for governments and civil societies around the world, and to launch the Global Go To Think Tanks Index (GGTTI) report for 2018. The report releases the findings of an international survey that also ranks the contributions of Think Tanks to the country's development programmes. In the previous ranking of 2017, REPOA was ranked at 12th out of over 90 Think Tanks in Sub-Saharan Africa.

"Evidence-based findings are necessary to inform a coordinated approach to contribute to the country's development agenda in accelerating economic growth and socio-economic transformation", says Dr. Donald Mmari, the Executive Director. Dr. Mmari said that Tanzania requires joint efforts of both the public and private sectors, academia and Think Tanks, the civil society, and communities to realise the touted industrialization-led transformation as stipulated in the Tanzania Vision 2025 and given strong emphasis by the 5th phase government. "We need the contribution and involvement of every person to contribute towards the achievement of this indispensable national agenda", he said.

The event will attract participants from the media, policymakers, researchers, development partners, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations and some renowned guest speakers will be attending.



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