

**Speech by Professor Samuel Wangwe, Executive  
Director, REPOA's Board of Directors On the  
Occasion of REPOA's 18th Annual Research  
Workshop 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 at the Kunduchi Beach  
Hotel and Resort, Dar es Salaam**

*Guest of Honour, Your Excellency, Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Honorable Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Regional Commissioners present, Members of Parliament, Your Excellency Lead DP for REPOA basket funding Ambassador Dr. Ad Koekkoek, Your Excellencies Ambassadors present here and Heads of Diplomatic Missions, Chairperson of REPOA Prof. Yadon Kohi, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen*

1. Once again this year I am glad to welcome you all to the 18th REPOA Annual Research Workshop. **Karibuni sana.**

2. As most of you already know the core business of REPOA is **research and capacity building** on development policy with a view to improving the quality of life of the people of Tanzania. We address challenge of improving the quality of life of our society by generating and sharing knowledge on development in its economic, social and political dimensions and inform evidence based policy action by our stakeholders in government, academia, civil society, private sector and development partners.

3. REPOA engages in strategic research, collaborative research as well as in commissioned research. REPOA placed high priority on **Strategic Research** as the focal point of REPOA's knowledge creation activities and capacity building efforts. Three interrelated research themes are addressed:

- a. First is deepening understanding of the growth and development process with priority placed on inclusiveness and wider participation of the citizens in the growth and development of the economy.
- b. Second, understanding of social protection and vulnerability in its transformative dimension with special reference to understanding how broader participation in the growth and development process can be facilitated.
- c. Third, understanding of governance and accountability with a view to cultivating more inclusive and participative systems of governance and public service provision.

The presentations in this workshop are structured along the lines of these three interrelated themes. Research on Development in its economic, social and political dimensions has shown that meaningful efforts to improve the quality of life in society require shared and inclusive growth and development. It is in this context that the theme of this 18th Annual Research Workshop is “**The Quest for Inclusive Development**”.

4. The opening address of His Excellency, we believe will guide our subsequent deliberations. In addition we will have the opportunity to have the key note speech delivered by Datuk Chris Tan from the Planning Commission of Malaysia which is well known for its ability to translate plans and policies into action and results. His presentation will be discussed by two professors: one is Governor Benno Ndulu from the Bank of Tanzania and the other is Prof, Brian van Arkadie who has contributed a lot to the Tanzania economy and has followed closely the Asian development experience which he will be glad to share and reflect it in view of his own Tanzanian experience. The voice of the private sector will be aired by Mr. Ali Mufuruki who has been an active and constructive contributor to the policy debates in Tanzania in the last 15 years largely from the angle of the contribution of the private sector to the economy.

5. Apart from the keynote presentations during the opening session, there will be other **presentations from experts and distinguished scholars** from Tanzania and other countries selected strategically to share their experiences of the inclusive development in different sectors of the economy. These include recent experiences of Norway, Bangladesh, and East Africa community. There will also be over 15 other presentations during these two days of the workshop which will cover a wide range of topics in the areas of 'growth and development', 'social protection and vulnerability', and 'governance and service delivery.

6. Allow me to mention **other presenters of papers**, in particular, those who have travelled over long distances to share with us their experiences and insights on challenges and prospects of realizing inclusive development. Prof. Kalle Moene of University of Oslo will

share with us the Norwegian experience in harnessing oil resources for realizing 9nclusive development. Dr. Matteo Rizzo from SOAS of University of London and Prof Marc Wuyts from the University of Erasmus in The Netherlands and Dr. Rizwan Islam from Bangladesh and Switzerland for sharing with us the position of employment and labour markets in realizing inclusive development. Prof. Maia Green from University of Manchester, will share with us her experience with processes of economic change and adaptations in Southern Tanzania largely drawn from Ulanga in Morogoro Region.

7. We will also have contribution of scholars from REPOA Dr. Ted Valentine who is known as a guru on public service reform in the region. We are proud to have him at REPOA sharing with us his experience and its implications for inclusive development. We will also have the opportunity to have REPOA's long standing associate Dr. Flora Kessy share with us her research results and insights into social protection and its transformative role in facilitating inclusive development. Dr. Flora Musonda, a long standing member of policy research institutions now with the EAC will share with us the challenges of positioning Tanzania in the region and implications for achieving inclusive development.

8. The **second day** of the workshop will feature presentations of research results by experienced **researchers within REPOA** and by researchers who have received **capacity building research grants** from REPOA as a strategy for creating a bigger pool of researchers on development issues that are addressed in our Research programme. The research results and capacity building outcomes are shaped by the resource persons and discussants under the stewardship of chairpersons all of whom come from our large network of very committed

scholars. Some of them have come a long way. Amb. Sten Rylander from Sweden and Dr. Susan Newman of Erasmus University are visiting research fellows who have agreed to share with us their rich knowledge and experience. I take this opportunity to thank most sincerely all the discussants, resource persons and chairpersons who have agreed to support REPOA's research and capacity building activities during the next two days.

9. It is our expectation that the rich and diverse **experiences** that are represented in this hall will be **shared generously** among us. All Participants are encouraged to participate fully in sharing their knowledge and experience during the two days of the workshop.

10. At the end of the workshop **we expect to have achieved four things:**

- a. share knowledge and experience on issues relating to The Quest for Inclusive Development;
- b. Disseminated key research findings;
- c. Achieve capacity building of researchers;
- d. Generate ideas that will go into our research agenda.

**Lastly I welcome you again to this workshop and urge you to be generous in sharing your knowledge and experience in the next two days.**

Thank you for your attention.