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WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Fellow Members,

One of the most important responsibilities of any serious Association is to ensure that its foundation, its Constitution, remains relevant, strong, and responsive to the needs of its members.

Our Association has grown, now with over 20 years of existence. The transport and logistics industry has transformed. The challenges we face today, from cross-border regulatory shifts to operational costs, governance and regional competitiveness, demand a modern, inclusive, and robust governing framework.

It is time for us to review and strengthen the TATOA Constitution.

The objective of this reform is clear: to enhance good governance, promote transparency and accountability, broaden members' participation, and position TATOA as a more effective and respected institution in Tanzania and across the region.

To achieve this, we are establishing a **Constitutional Review Committee (CRC)**, which will lead the review process by gathering members' views, benchmarking with best practices, and preparing a draft that reflects our shared vision.

I am therefore making a special appeal to all members: **Come and be part of this historic process.**

We need committed, knowledgeable, and passionate members from all categories to volunteer to serve in the CRC. This is your Association, and this is your opportunity to shape its future.

If you have the passion to serve and ideas to contribute, please submit your expression of interest to the Secretariat.

Let us build a Constitution that will serve this generation and the next.

Elias Lukumay

Chairman,

Tanzania Truck Owners Association (TATOA)

CCTTFA ENGAGES ON USD 100 SCANNING FEE AT KANYAKA WEIGHBRIDGE

Dar es Salaam | October 2026

> *Agency says it is coordinating with relevant authorities following concerns that the charge could raise transport costs and affect truck movements to and from the DRC.*

The Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency (CCTTFA) has acknowledged concerns raised by the Tanzania Truck Owners Association (TATOA) over the re-introduction of a USD 100 scanning fee at Kanyaka Weighbridge in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In a letter dated 2 October 2026, referenced TATOA/2026/066, TATOA outlined its members' concerns about the charge. CCTTFA says it recognises that the fee could increase transporters' operating costs, affect the competitiveness of corridor services and contribute to higher transport rates. It may also affect the efficient movement of trucks travelling to and from the DRC.

TATOA's position: Scanning should serve security and control purposes where required, rather than become a separate cost for transporters.

CCTTFA says it is undertaking advocacy and coordination with the relevant authorities and stakeholders to address the matter. The work is part of the Agency's broader mandate to facilitate transport, reduce transit costs and help eliminate avoidable delays along the Central Corridor.

The Agency says it will continue its engagement in search of an appropriate resolution, while seeking to protect progress made in improving truck movements, lowering transport costs and strengthening the corridor's efficiency and competitiveness. CCTTFA has also undertaken to keep TATOA informed of progress and significant developments.

The acknowledgement signals that the concern has been received and is being taken forward through engagement. No resolution to the fee has been announced. CCTTFA thanked TATOA for its continued commitment to regional integration, trade facilitation and efficient transport services along the Central Corridor.

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TATOA CELEBRATES CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK 2026

Dar es Salaam | 5–11 October 2026

The Tanzania Truck Owners Association (TATOA) marked Customer Service Week from 5 to 11 October 2026, joining organisations around the world in recognising the importance of good service and the people who deliver it.

For TATOA the week was a chance to thank its members, the truck owners who keep Tanzania's goods moving, and to recognise the secretariat staff who serve them every day.





Activities during the week included:

- **Monday 5 October:** a visit to the TATOA office by **Viaservice Tanzania**, and an El Niño weather advisory for truck owners shared on all TATOA social media platforms.
- **Wednesday 7 October:** CRDB Bank and Leyland Exports welcomed as new associate members.
- **Thursday 8 October:** the TATOA Joint Board Meeting.

TATOA remains committed to listening to its members and improving the services it offers them.

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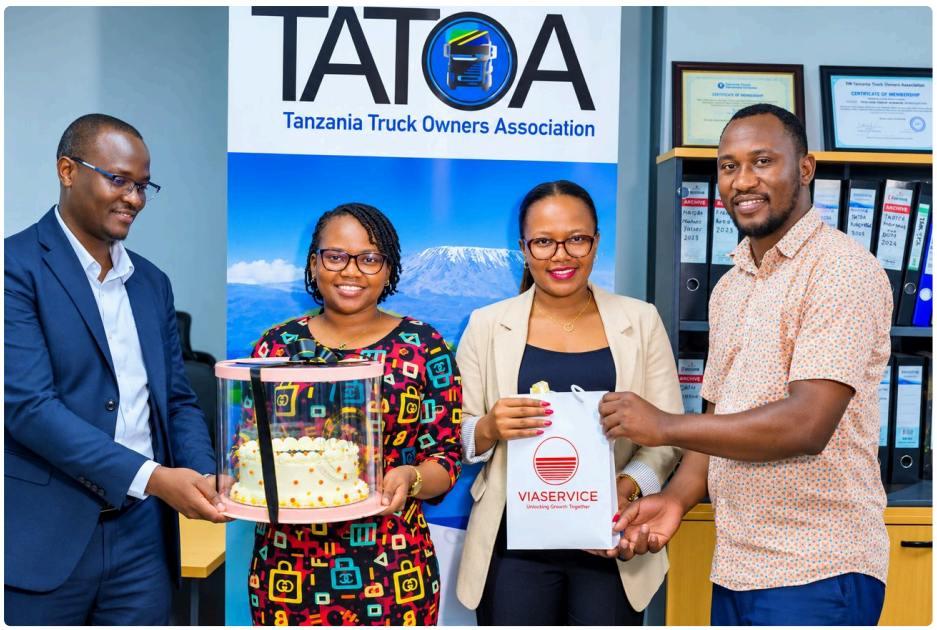


VIASERVICE TANZANIA VISITS TATOA DURING CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK

Dar es Salaam | 5 October 2026

On 5 October 2026, as part of Customer Service Week, a team from Viaservice Tanzania visited the TATOA office in Dar es Salaam to celebrate the week with the TATOA secretariat.

The Viaservice team presented a celebration cake and gifts to TATOA staff in appreciation of the service they provide to members and partners across the transport sector.







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TATOA ISSUES EL NIÑO WEATHER ADVISORY TO TRUCK OWNERS

Dar es Salaam | 5 October 2026

TATOA shared an El Niño advisory for the 2026 short rains (Vuli) on all its social media platforms. TMA expects above-normal rainfall from October 2026 to January 2027, with November the wettest month. TATOA advised truck owners to:

01 Follow TMA updates
- Check 24-hour, 5-day and 10-day forecasts before a trip.
- Rely on official TMA information, not rumours.
- Inform your drivers of every new warning issued.

02 Inspect the vehicle before every trip
- Tyres need enough tread and correct pressure.
- Brakes, wipers, lights and horn must work well.
- Tarpaulins without holes; electrics protected from water.

03 Plan safe and alternative routes
- Identify roads and bridges prone to floods or landslides.
- Prepare an alternative route, especially in November.
- Follow TANROADS updates on closed roads.

04 If water covers the road, stop
- Do not cross a bridge or area under flowing water.
- Slow down and keep a long distance from the vehicle ahead.
- If you see danger, stop safely and wait for it to calm.

05 Protect cargo and check insurance
- Cover cargo well so it is not damaged by rain.
- Make sure vehicle and cargo insurance are valid.
- Confirm your insurance covers floods and natural disasters.

06 Communication and tracking
- Use GPS tracking to know where the truck is.
- Stay in regular contact with drivers on the road.
- Give drivers emergency numbers: police, office, owner.

07 Emergency kit in the vehicle
- A reflector triangle and a torch with batteries.
- Rope, a jack and basic repair tools.
- Dry food, clean drinking water and a first aid kit.

08 Plan your business early
- Inform customers early about possible delays.
- Set aside funds for repairs and delay costs.
- Schedule cargo with the rainfall forecast in mind.

Safety first, cargo later. Share this message with your drivers and fellow members.

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TATOA WELCOMES CRDB BANK AND LEYLAND EXPORTS AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Dar es Salaam | 7 October 2026

TATOA welcomed CRDB Bank and Leyland Exports as new associate members of the association on 7 October 2026.

Associate members bring financing, equipment and services that support truck owners, and strengthen the network of partners working with TATOA across the transport and logistics sector.





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TATOA ENGAGES MEMBERS ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM 2026

Dar es Salaam | 12–15 October 2026

From 12 October 2026 TATOA held a series of 4:00 PM member sessions on reforming its constitution, under the theme *Our Association, Our Constitution, Our Future*.



Nominees need 5 consecutive years as a Platinum, Gold or Silver member and the support of 5 members with at least 3 years of membership.



Session 02, 13 October: Who should represent members? The Terms of Reference propose a 16-member Constitution Review Committee (CRC), nominated by members and appointed by the Board:

Platinum	**5**	Gold	**5**
Silver	**5**	Associate (non-voting)	**1**

Session 04, 15 October: What will the reform deliver? The CRC will give the Board four outputs:

- A reviewed TATOA Constitution.
- Updated election by-laws.
- A reviewed trust deed.
- A governance note on the proposed TATOA Company Limited.

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TATOA VISITS TAIFA TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS LIMITED

Dar es Salaam | 13 October 2026

On 13 October 2026, a team from TATOA paid a visit to Taifa Transport & Logistics Limited as part of the association's ongoing engagement with its members and companies in the transport and logistics sector.

During the visit, TATOA educated the Taifa team on how to use the TMMS system and showed them how to register their drivers on the system.



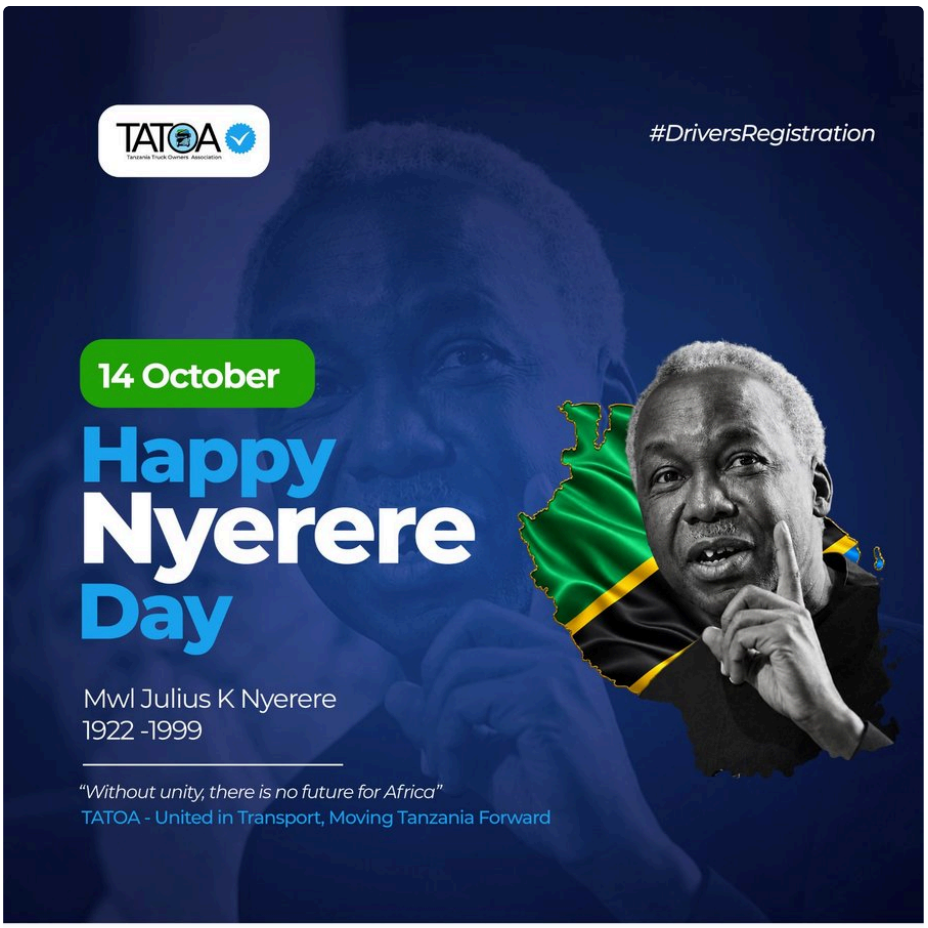
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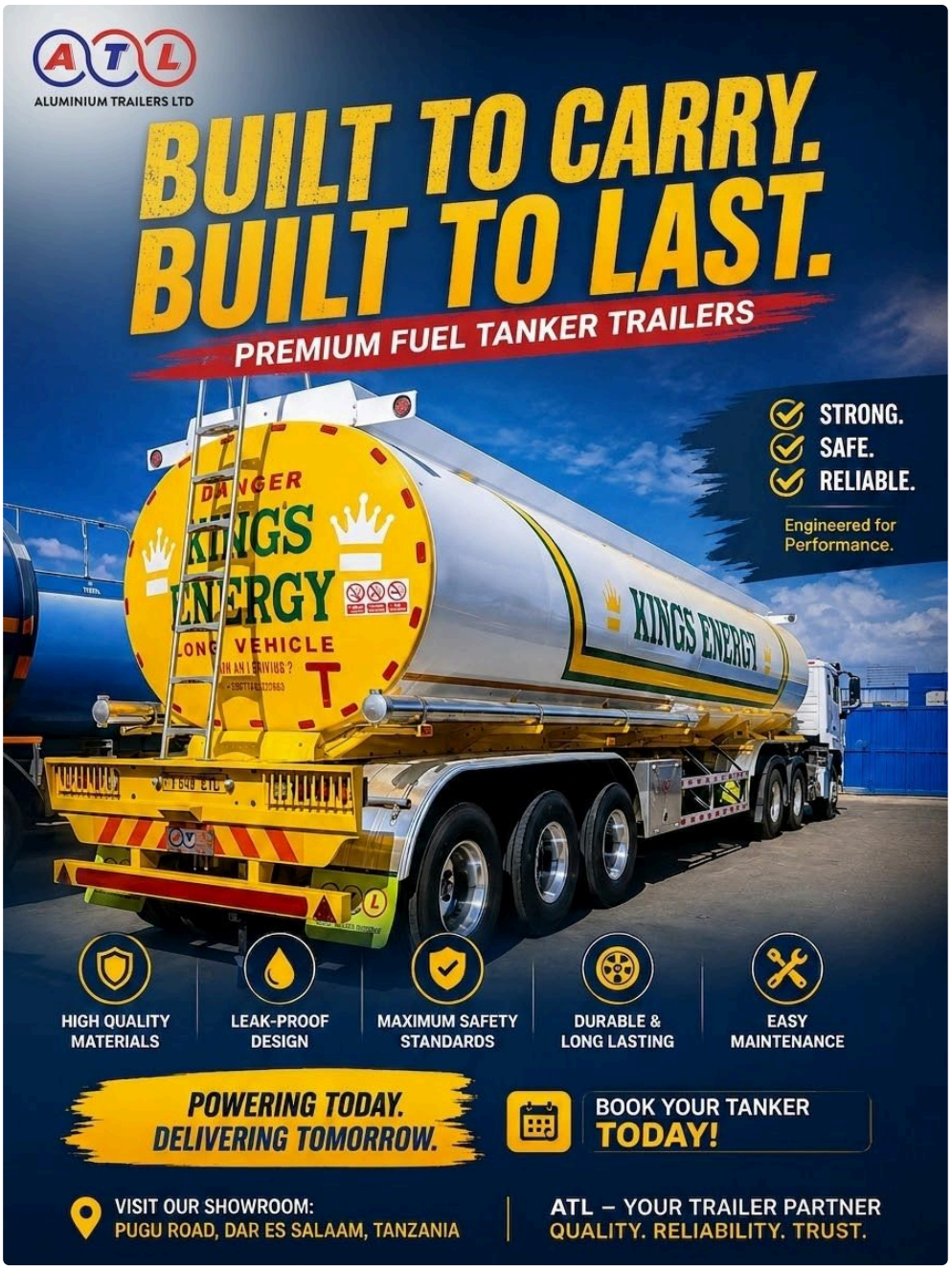
TATOA COMMEMORATES MWALIMU NYERERE DAY

Dar es Salaam | 14 October 2026

On 14 October 2026 TATOA joined the nation in honouring Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, the Father of the Nation, whose call for unity continues to guide Tanzanians, including those in the transport sector.



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TATOA MEMBERS ENDORSE ROADMAP FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

Dar es Salaam | 17 October 2026

Members of the Tanzania Truck Owners Association (TATOA) convened on 17 October 2026 at Aura Suites in Dar es Salaam for a Special General Meeting to deliberate on the much-anticipated constitutional reforms.

The meeting focused on addressing existing constitutional gaps and aligning the Association's governing framework with the current realities of the transport and logistics sector.







During the session, members extensively discussed the proposed areas for reform and agreed on the roadmap to form a Constitutional Review Committee (CRC). The meeting also reviewed the Terms of Reference for the CRC.







TATOA Members Endorse Roadmap for Constitutional Reforms · continued

Speaking at the meeting, TATOA leadership emphasised that the reforms are critical to strengthening governance, protecting members' interests and responding to emerging challenges.





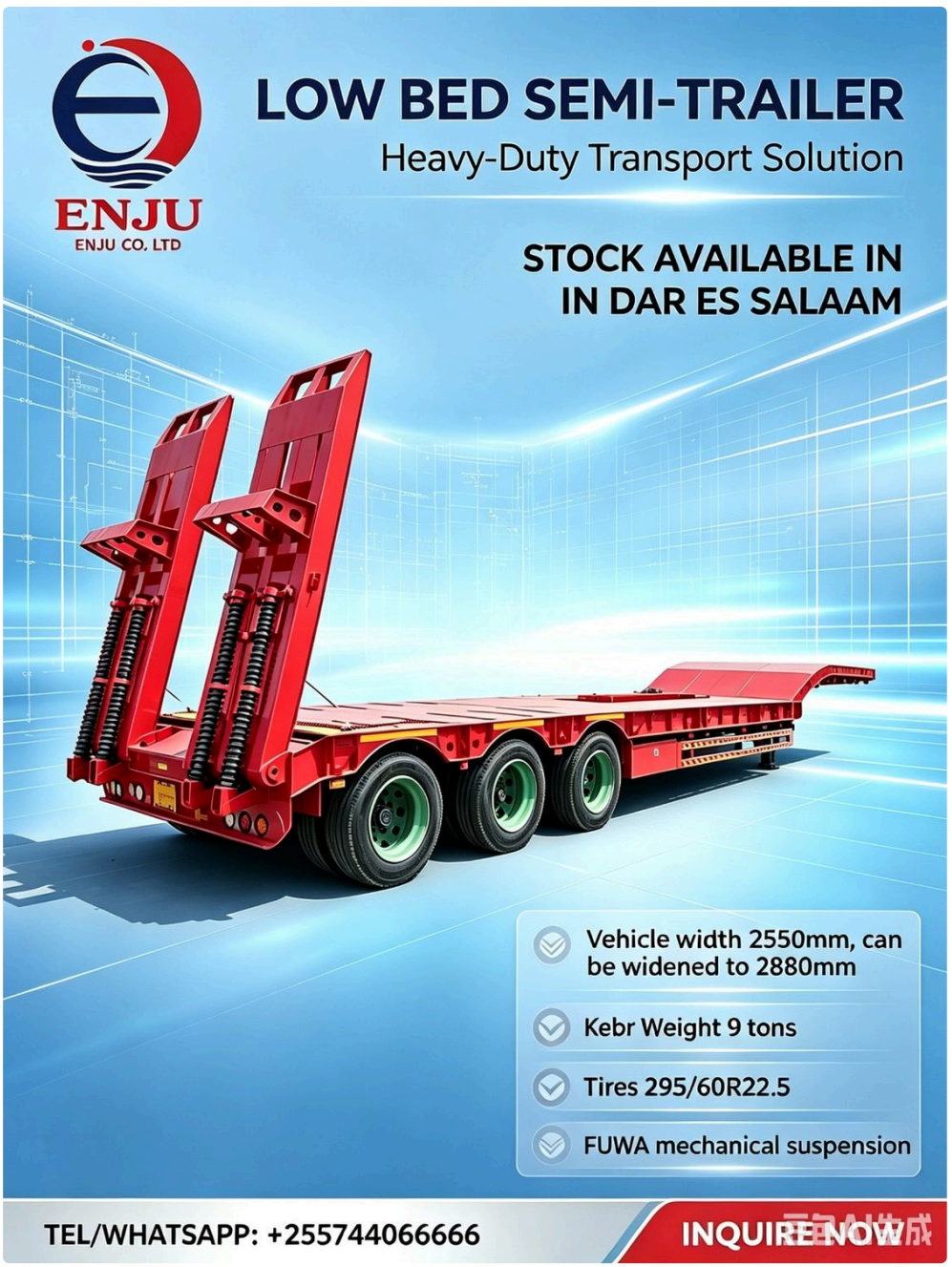
Members described the meeting as a historic step towards building a more inclusive, transparent and future-ready Association.

The meeting was followed by a cocktail reception, giving members, partners and the secretariat time to network.





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TATOA PARTICIPATES IN PERISHABLES OBSERVATORY VALIDATION WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE DIALOGUE

Dar es Salaam | 19–20 October 2026

TATOA took part in the Perishables Observatory Validation Workshop and Public-Private Dialogue, organised by TAHA and TradeMark Africa and held on 19–20 October 2026 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dar es Salaam. The workshop was a valuable engagement that provided an important platform for stakeholders to discuss opportunities and challenges affecting Tanzania's horticultural and perishable goods sector.



TATOA's participation enabled the Association to contribute the perspectives of road transport operators, particularly regarding transportation challenges, infrastructure limitations, delays along transport routes and opportunities for investment in cold-chain facilities.

Issues raised by TATOA on behalf of road transport operators:

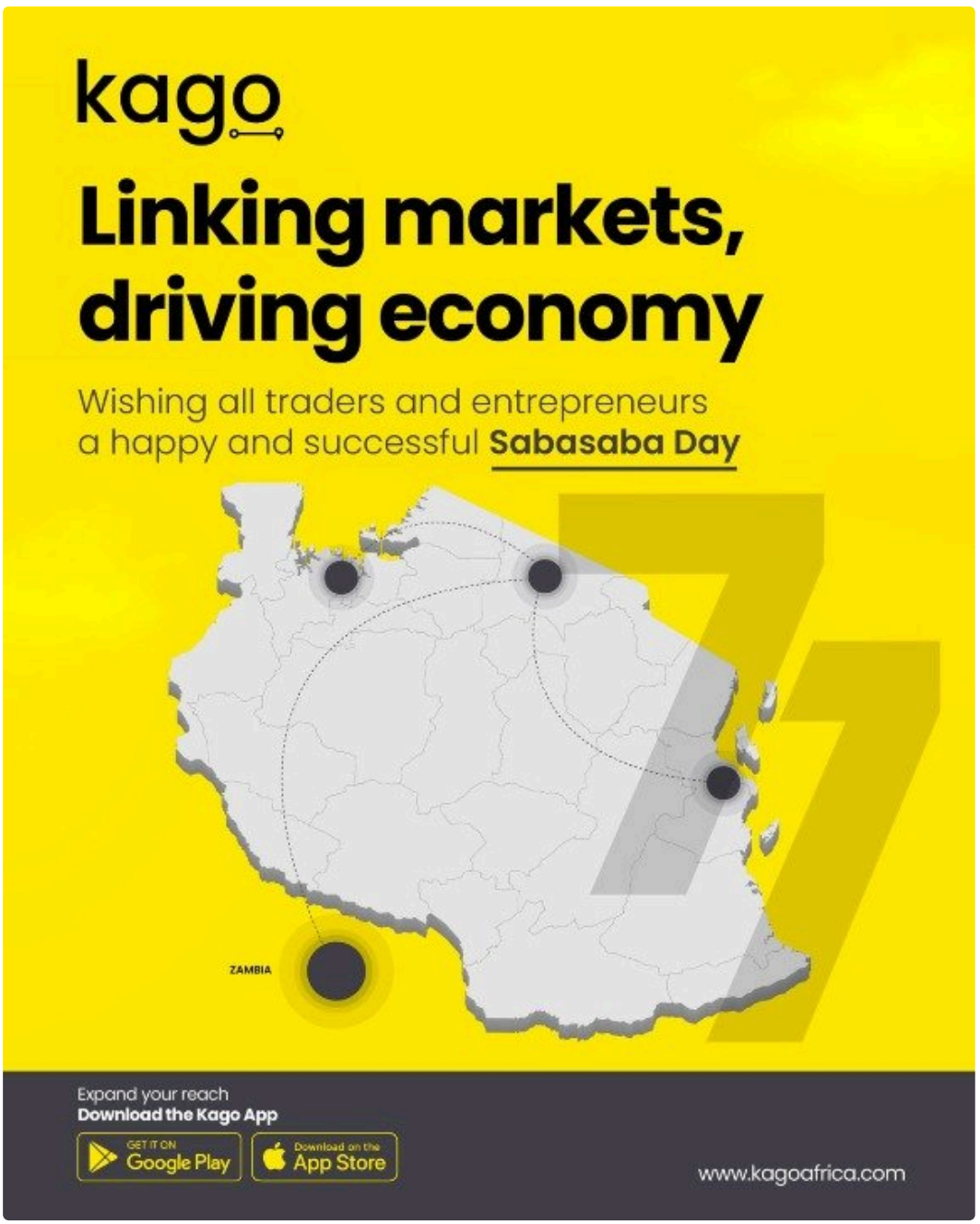
- Transportation challenges in moving perishable goods.
- Infrastructure limitations.
- Delays along transport routes.
- Opportunities for investment in cold-chain facilities.

The workshop also demonstrated the importance of collaboration between the public and private sectors in addressing challenges affecting the movement of perishable products.

Overall, the workshop was successful and informative. TATOA appreciates TAHA and TradeMark Africa for the invitation and for providing an opportunity for the Association to contribute to these important discussions.

TATOA hopes that the discussions, proposals and recommendations made during the workshop will translate into practical actions that improve the movement of perishable goods in Tanzania.

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TATOA JOINS STAKEHOLDERS AT PORT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Dar es Salaam | 23 October 2026

TATOA joined transport sector stakeholders at the Port Improvement Committee (PIC) meeting held on 23 October 2026 at the TPA One Stop Center in Dar es Salaam. The meeting was chaired by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport and brought together TAFFA, TASAC, TRA, TRC, DP World, TPA, LATRA and other PIC members.

Opening the meeting, the Permanent Secretary stressed that closer cooperation between the Government and the private sector is key to more efficient port and transport operations. He also welcomed the new Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport.

Stakeholders raised issues affecting the movement of cargo from the port and received updates on several projects.

Key outcomes from the meeting

- **Private wagons on TRC railway:** After stakeholders noted slow progress on Open Access, the Permanent Secretary directed TRC to let private operators buy their own wagons, with TRC hauling them.
- **SGR link from Ruvu to Kwala:** The Ministry is studying how best to connect the SGR from Ruvu to Kwala, so containers reach Kwala faster with less congestion and lower costs.
- **TRA partial release by December:** TRA expects to complete its system upgrade by December 2026, allowing cargo to be released in phases directly from the port to ICDs.
- **New TASAC charges:** TASAC has introduced new charges, all published on its official website.
- **DP World yard at Kwala:** DP World has started building a container stuffing area at Kwala, which will also handle copper. It is expected to be ready within eight months.

For truck owners, these developments point to faster cargo clearance and better connections to Kwala. TATOA will keep representing its members at the PIC and update them as these plans are implemented.

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